KICK-

SWOOSH-
AHHHHHHHHH!!

YOU WON'T BE BORED SINCE YOU'LL BE TOGETHER.

THUD
UGH!

OW... WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
WHY IS IT SO DARK?
STUTTER
STUTTER

KYAH!
SLAP
WHERE... ARE YOU TOUCHING?!!

OH...NO
I DIDN'T
MEAN TO...
FLASH
UGH!

HAHAHA- IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE ANYONE WAS SENT DOWN.
WHAT IS THAT?
FLASH
FLASH

I HOPE HE SENT DOWN SOME DECENT ONES LIKE ALWAYS. KEKEKE-

WHO... ARE YOU?
HMM~ IS IT LIKE A "BUY ONE GET ONE FREE" THIS TIME? THEY ARE LOOKING GOOD. KEKEKE

KEKEKEKE-
BOTH OF YOU, FOLLOW ME.

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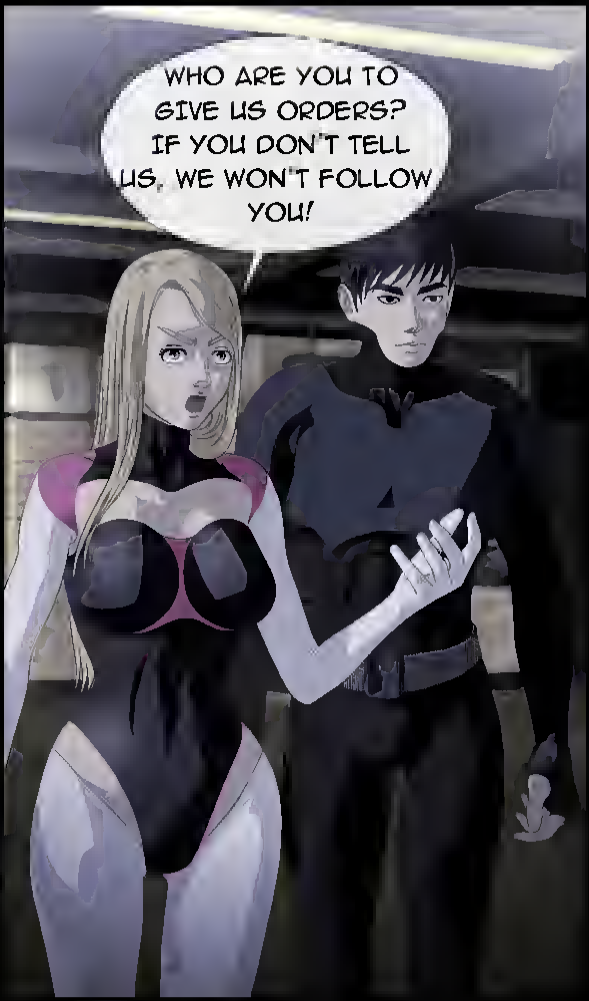
HUUUM-

THE HIDEOUT HAD A SECRET PASSAGEWAY CONNECTED TO THE SUBWAY?

WHAT IS THIS PLACE? IS A SECRET SUBWAY LIKE IN THE MOVIES GOING TO APPEAR?

ARE YOU KIDDING? NOTHING IS COMING.
RUN.


WHO ARE YOU TO GIVE US ORDERS? IF YOU DON'T TELL US, WE WON'T FOLLOW YOU!

LISTENING TO ME FROM HERE ON OUT WILL BE IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS
OR ELSE I'M GOING TO TATTLE ON YOU TO DARKSLUG AND BOTH OF YOU WILL BE FIRED

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! LET'S GET GOING!!
TAP
TAP
TAP
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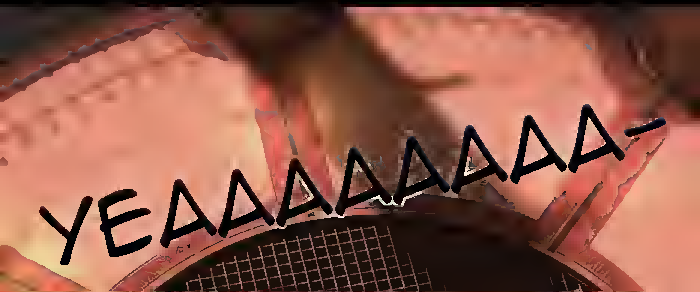

YEAAAAAAAAA-

WEEEEEE-

FINISH HIM!!
KILL HIM!!
LET'S GO!
FIGHT!!!
WIN! I BET THE HOUSE ON THIS!!
AWEEEE!

AHHHHHHH!

PFFFT

UGH
SLIP
SPLASH

WOBBLE
AHHHHH
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

TAP

AHHHHHHHHH
SLIDE

YEAAAAA-
AHHHHHHHHH

MR. FREEZIE!! THREE CONSECUTIVE WINS!!!
YEAAAAAA!!
YEAAAAA~
IF HE WINS ONE MORE TIME, HE WILL HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO FIGHT THE CHAMPION!

MR.FREEZIE!!

YEA!
I WON AGAIN!!
GRASP

HEHE-
LOOKS LIKE I MADE
BACK TODAY'S WINE
COST.
WHIRR

THIS IS THE VIP AREA.
OH~ YOU'RE HERE?

LOOKS LIKE YOU LISTENED TO MY DRESS CODE SUGGESTION.
SIT DOWN.

ARE YOU NUTS? I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU INVITED ME TO THIS ILLEGAL ARENA.
WHAT IF RUMORS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS COME HERE START TO SPREAD...?

LISTEN, THIS IS AN ILLEGAL ARENA, BUT IT'S NOT AS BAD YOU THINK.
IT HAS RULES AND EVERYTHING JUST LIKE OTHER SPORTS ARENAS

SUPUBLICS WHO FAILED THEIR SIDEKICK-HERO COURSES
AND DON'T WANT TO SERVE IN THE UNDERCORE, OR BECOME A VILLAIN
YEAAAAAAA
YEAAAAAAA
AND HAVE TO EARN MONEY FOR LIVING COME HERE TO FIGHT.

MR.FREEZIE!!
MR.FREEZIE!!
AND THE UPPER-SCALE ADVERTISEMENTS AND INFORMATION ARE SHARED HERE AS WELL.

AND IT'S THE PLACE WHERE YOU MAKE YOUR POCKET MONEY?

NO... IT'S NOT WHAT...KIND OF PERSON DO YOU THINK I AM!!
FLING~
SNAP

NOW, OUR NEXT CONTESTANT IS A FIERY NEW FIGHTER!
THE NEW FACE TO TRY TO DENY MR. FREEZIE'S WINNING STREAK IS

THE ALL AROUND DARK ONE, 'THE BLACK RAT'
WHAT'S BLACK??
RAT??

LOOK HERE, BLACK RAT. YOUR MASTER GAVE YOU THIS SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.
YOU MUST WIN. WIN AT ALL COSTS!! ALSO, IF THEY FIND OUT YOU'RE A SIDEKICK, THINGS COULD GET UGLY SO KEEP YOUR MASK ON.

WHAT! THAT'S... ISN'T THAT THEO?!!!

HEY, PART-TIMER. GET YOUR BUTT OUT THERE.
WAIT...NO I'M ALSO A SIDEKICK...
SHUT IT!!
GET OUT THERE! DO YOU WANNA GET FIRED?!!

TAP
TAP
I'M...GOING! WHO SAID I WASN'T...?

The Black Rat
Stage
1
TADA
WOOHOO
WHERE AM I?
WHO AM I?

LAMIA, TOO!
HAHA....

AND THEIR PAYMENT GOES INTO YOUR ACCOUNT, DOESN'T IT?!

THE MATCH WILL START MOMENTARILY!
.....

THAT'S NOT WHAT'S IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW!
LISTEN UP! BECAUSE I'M SERIOUS RIGHT NOW!!!
DAMN SERIOUS!

DING-
DING-
DING-
YOU SAID YOU WANTED ME TO AWAKEN THEO, RIGHT?

GOOD LUCK
DO I REALLY HAVE TO FIGHT?
YOU THINK I'M DOING THIS CUZ I WANTED TO?
IT'S IMPORTANT TO GAUGE HIS CURRENT LEVEL.

THESE DAYS, IT'S NOT COMMON FOR VILLAINS TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE FOR SOME REASON
I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT CHECKING FOR PRANA HERE IS THE BEST WAY

OH~ SO
THAT'S IT.
THAT'S WHY...

YOU BET ON THEO FOR THIS MATCH, HUH?

YES!
IT'S STARTING.
WIN,
BLACK RAT!!!
C'MON!!
HEY, HEY~

THE BLACK RAT? WHAT SEWER DID YOU CRAWL OUT OF?
YOU'VE GOT SOME FANCY SUIT, HUH? HAHA

EXCUSE ME...
ONE MOMENT.

GO, BLACK RAT. IF YOU WIN FOUR STRAIGHT TIMES, YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO FIGHT THE CHAMPION.
IF YOU'RE MASTER IS CORRECT, THE CHAMPION HERE

IS RUMOURED TO BE ONE OF THOSE WHO DEFEATED A HERO GUARDIAN.

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOZING OFF TO?
SWOOSH
SLUSH

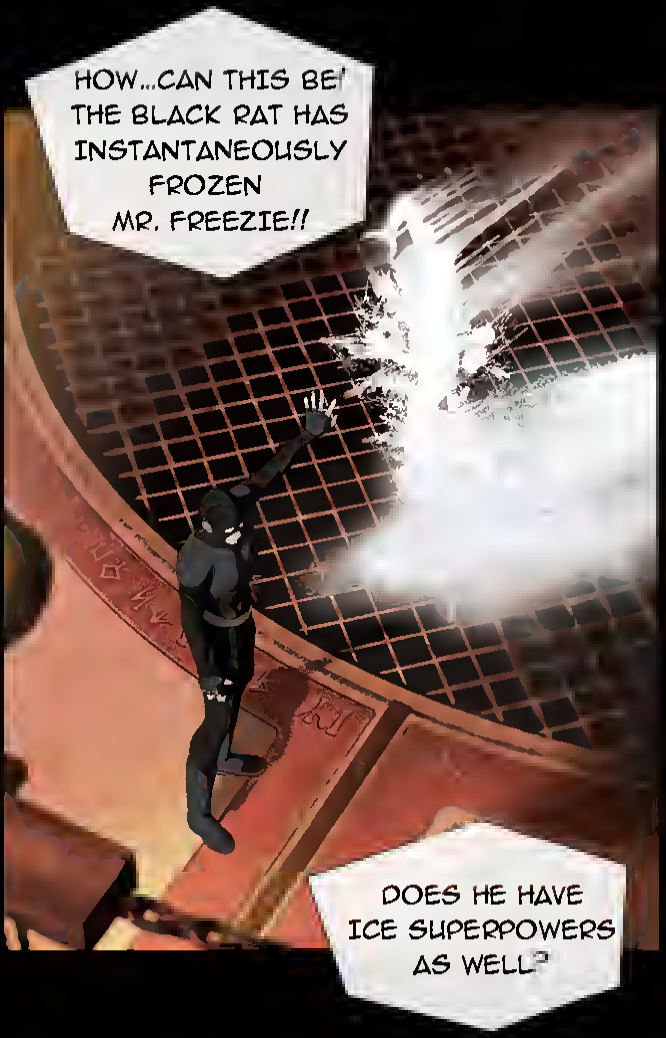
WHAT?
I'VE ALSO HEARD A CHAMPION SAY THAT BEFORE.

YOU BASTARD!
I'LL FREEZE
YOU!!

YOU'RE SAYING...

FAZOOM

!!!!
ALL RIGHT!!
I WON AGAIN!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DOES HE HAVE ICE SUPERPOWERS AS WELL?

IS THAT...
TRUE?

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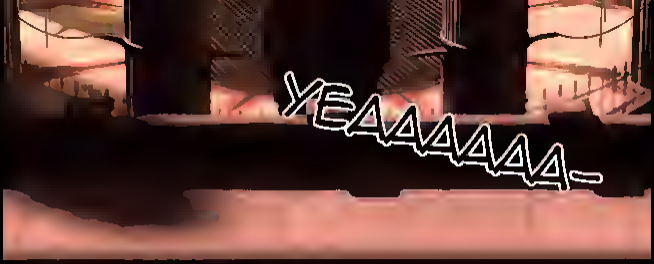
YEAAAAAA-

HOW...CAN THIS BE! THE BLACK RAT HAS INSTANTANEOUSLY FROZEN FREEZIE!!

DOES HE HAVE ICE SUPERPOWERS AS WELL?
IS THAT... TRUE?

WHY DON'T YOU ASK THE CHAMPION YOURSELF WHEN YOU MEET HIM? KEKEH
IF YOU WIN FOUR TIMES IN A ROW, YOU'LL GET THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE HIM.

HE JUST ACTIVATED THE SECOND PRANA, RIGHT?
IT'S ANGER. I JUST GAVE HIM A MOTIVE-

NOW. UNLEASH EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT. BLACKHOUND.

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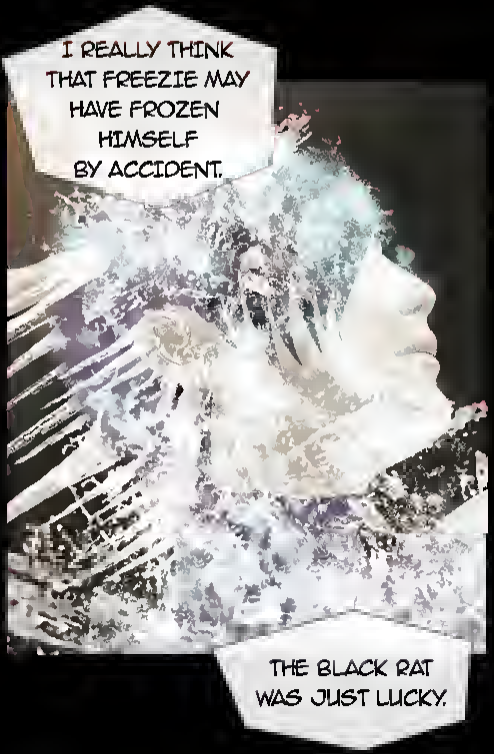
WOW~ WHAT IS THIS? FREEZIE IS PITIFULLY DONE FOR
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THE BLACK RAT'S POWERS WOULD BE OF ICE.


I REALLY THINK THAT FREEZIE MAY HAVE FROZEN HIMSELF BY ACCIDENT.
THE BLACK RAT WAS JUST LUCKY.

BUT IT STILL WON'T BE EASY TO WIN FOUR CONSECUTIVE TIMES HERE AT SUPER ARENA

NOW~
THE SECOND FIGHTER
'HEAVY PIG' IS
COMING OUT!!
STOMP
STOMP

STOMP
IT WILL PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT TO GET HIS SECOND CONSECUTIVE WIN AGAINST THIS FIGHTER.
STOMP
STOMP
OINK !!!!!!

HE WILL CRUSH HIS OPPONENT WHOEVER THEY MAY BE-
POW
THE INCREDIBLE HEAVY...

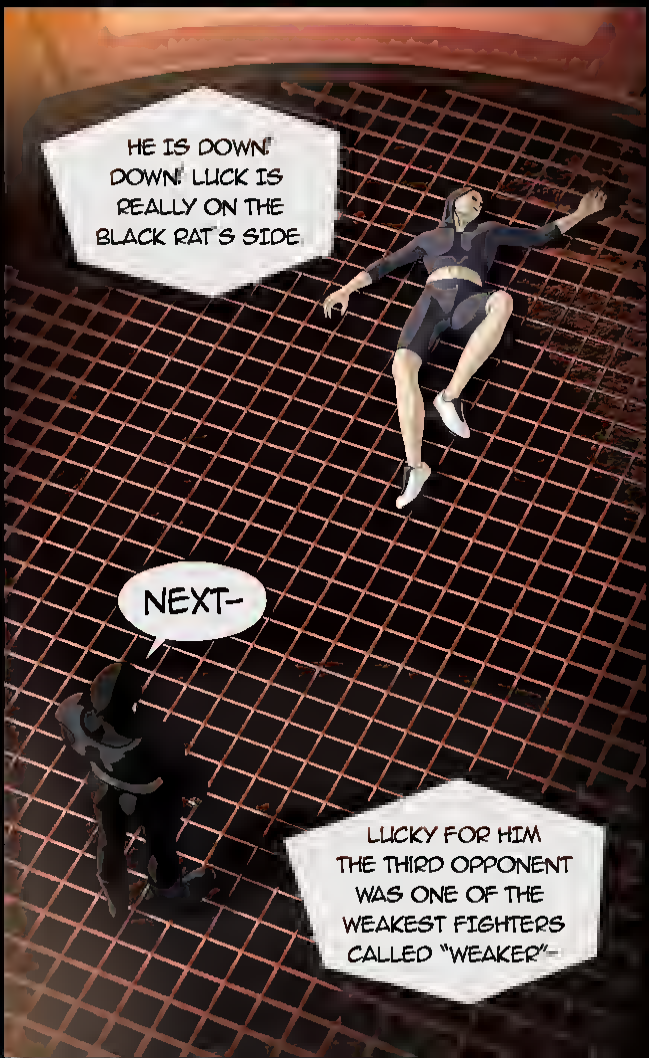
...??!!!
BAM

NEXT, HURRY AND GET OUT HERE!
WOW...HEA... HEAVY PIG IS DOWN, HE IS DOWN!

HEAVY PIG... PERHAPS HE WASN'T READY...?
BATABATABATA-
UGH! I CAN STILL FIGHT!!
LET ME GO!!
IT'S A SHAME BUT IF YOU GO OUTSIDE OF THE RING, YOU LOSE.

LOOKS LIKE HE BORROWED HIS OPPONENT'S POWER THIS TIME
BUT WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IN A FIGHT WITHOUT RULES?

WHEN THEO'S PRANA IS ACTIVATED, THERE ARE ONLY TWO REASONABLE WAYS FOR THEO TO WIN.
THE FIRST CASE, THE OPPONENT IS WEAKER THAN THEO, ALTHOUGH THEO WOULD WIN WITHOUT HIS PRANA IN THAT CASE.


HE IS DOWN! DOWN! LUCK IS REALLY ON THE BLACK RAT'S SIDE
NEXT-
LUCKY FOR HIM THE THIRD OPPONENT WAS ONE OF THE WEAKEST FIGHTERS CALLED "WEAKER"-

SECONDLY,
WHEN THE COPIED
POWER IS WELL SUITED
FOR HIS OWN.
AND IF IT'S
AT A LEVEL THAT HE
WOULD BE ABLE TO
OVERPOWER THE
ENEMY, HE'LL WIN.

BUT THE SECOND PRANA DOESN'T MAKE HIM TAKE THE OTHERS' POWERS COMPLETELY. HE CAN EITHER COPY A PORTION OF THE POWERS
OR MAKE HIMSELF IMMUNE TO HIS OPPONENT'S POWERS AND AMPLIFY HIS ALLIES' POWERS.

THE REASON HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT PLUTON THE LAST TIME
BAM
WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE DAMAGE YOU GAVE ON PLUTON BEFOREHAND

I FLEW OUT THERE BECAUSE I TRUSTED HIM, BUT ANYTHING COULD HAVE HAPPENED. "LUCKY" WOULD BE THE WORD TO DESCRIBE IT.
EVERY TIME THERE WAS A CRISIS, THE PRANA WOULD ACTIVATE AND HE COULD SURVIVE ON SOME KIND OF LUCK.

SO IF WE FULLY ACTIVATE HIS PRANA
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND?
DOING THAT WOULD BE LIKE POISONING BLACKHOUND.
WHETHER HE BORROWS POWERS FROM AN ALLY OR AN ENEMY, IT'S STILL BORROWED POWERS.

Stay
4
NOW~ THE FOURTH OPPONENT WILL BE THE ONE WHO HAS CHALLENGED THE CHAMPION TWO TIMES ALREADY, 'FLAMER'!
WHAT AM I DOING...

I WAS ABLE TO WATCH HIM FIGHT WITH DREAM GIRL BEFORE, AND I'M NOT SURE IF HIS PRANA WAS ACTIVATED, BUT
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EITHER THAT THE BORROWED POWER WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH OR THAT HIS OWN POWER WASN'T STRONG FROM THE BEGINNING.

OO~ THE FOURTH ROUND IS TURNING INTO A SLUGFEST!
POW
THAT GUY HAS NEVER DONE ANYTHING TO BECOME STRONGER. THAT'S BECAUSE HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW WEAK HE REALLY IS.

SO,
THE OPPONENTS WHO DON'T KNOW ABOUT PRANA WOULD LOWER THEIR GUARDS
FAZOOM
LEAP
AND ALL OF THEM ENDED UP LOSING TO THEIR OWN POWERS

OH! BOTH CONTESTANTS ARE BEING ENGULFED IN FIRE!
FAZOOM
WHAT KIND OF POWER DID FLAMER USE?

THUMP
JUST LIKE WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

OH!
FOUR IN A ROW,
FOUR WINS IN
A ROW! HE GETS
HIS CHANCE!!
FLOP
UGHHH

DISABLING HIS ENEMIES' POWER AND AMPLIFYING HIS ALLY'S POWER... OTHER ABILITIES OF THE SECOND PRANA LIKE THESE? THAT'S ALSO NICE.
BUT.
WOW~

A HERO IS NOT A SUPPORTER.

HE MUST GET STRONGER ON HIS OWN.

LOOK CAREFULLY FROM NOW ON.
BECAUSE THE NEXT FIGHT IS WHY I CALLED YOU HERE.
SSH

HE'S NEVER REALLY HAD A PROPER FIGHT TILL NOW
WATCH HOW SOMEONE POWERFUL DESTROYS THIS WEAKLING WHO HAD ACTIVATED THE PRANA TO ITS LIMITS

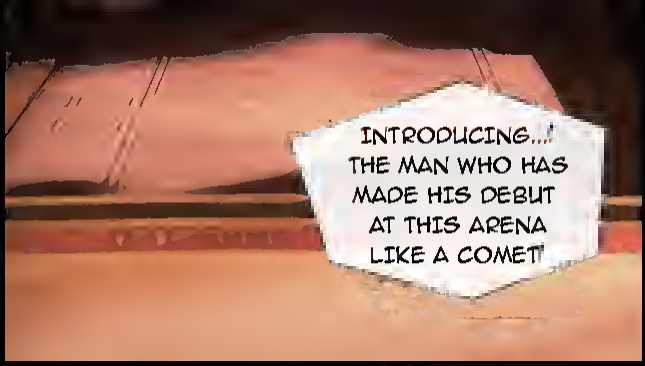
THE CHAMPION HERE IS THAT STRONG? ALRIGHT I'LL SEE FOR MYSELF. BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING? AREN'T YOU GOING TO WATCH WITH ME?
I...

SUDDENLY HAVE A... STOMACHACHE...
RESTROOM!!
GROWL
.....

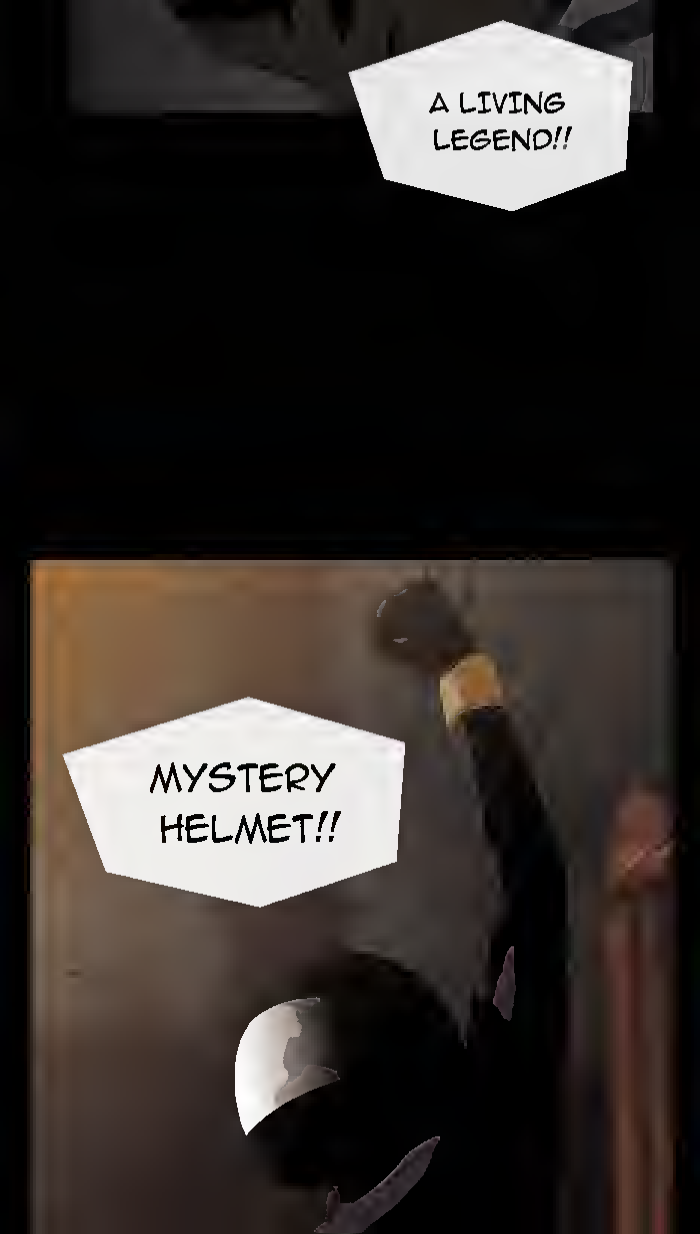
WHEEEEEEE-
MY MY~ CAN YOU HEAR THIS BATTLE CRY?

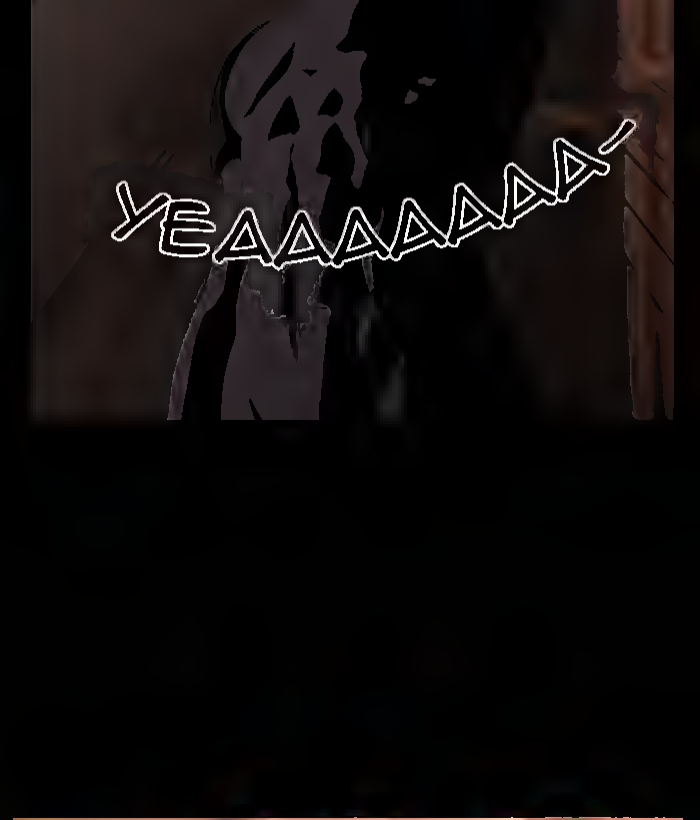
THE ARENA IS ROARING WITH EXCITEMENT AT THE CHANCE TO SEE THE CHAMPION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME!
CHAMPION...WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE?

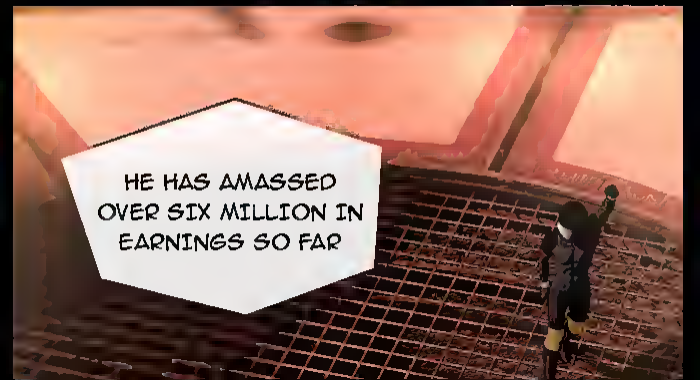
IS HE REALLY THE ONE WHO KILLED MY DAD?
AH, THERE HE COMES!!
STUMP
STUMP


INTRODUCING...!
THE MAN WHO HAS MADE HIS DEBUT AT THIS ARENA LIKE A COMET!

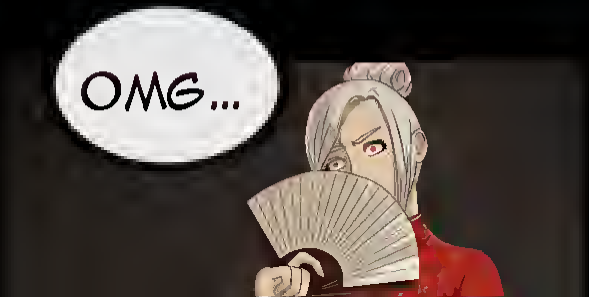
THE ONE WHO HAS NEVER LOST IN THE ARENA, THE CHAMPION!


A LIVING LEGEND!!
MYSTERY HELMET!!


YEAAAAAAAA!

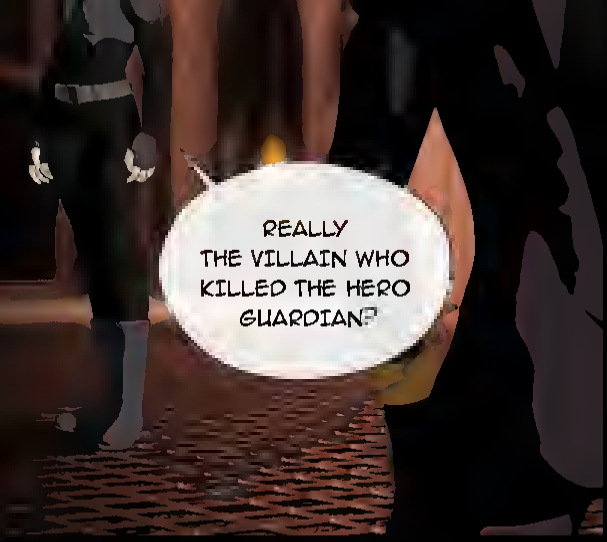

HE HAS AMASSED OVER SIX MILLION IN EARNINGS SO FAR

WHEEEEEEE~
THE MAN WORTH SIX MILLION DOLLARS-!!


OMG...

FINAL
THAT CHAMPION SEEMS FAMILIAR...
EVERYONE! THE TITLE MATCH WILL SOON BEGIN!

WILL THE NEWCOMER, THE BLACK RAT BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THE CHAMPION?
ARE YOU...


REALLY
THE VILLAIN WHO
KILLED THE HERO
GUARDIAN?

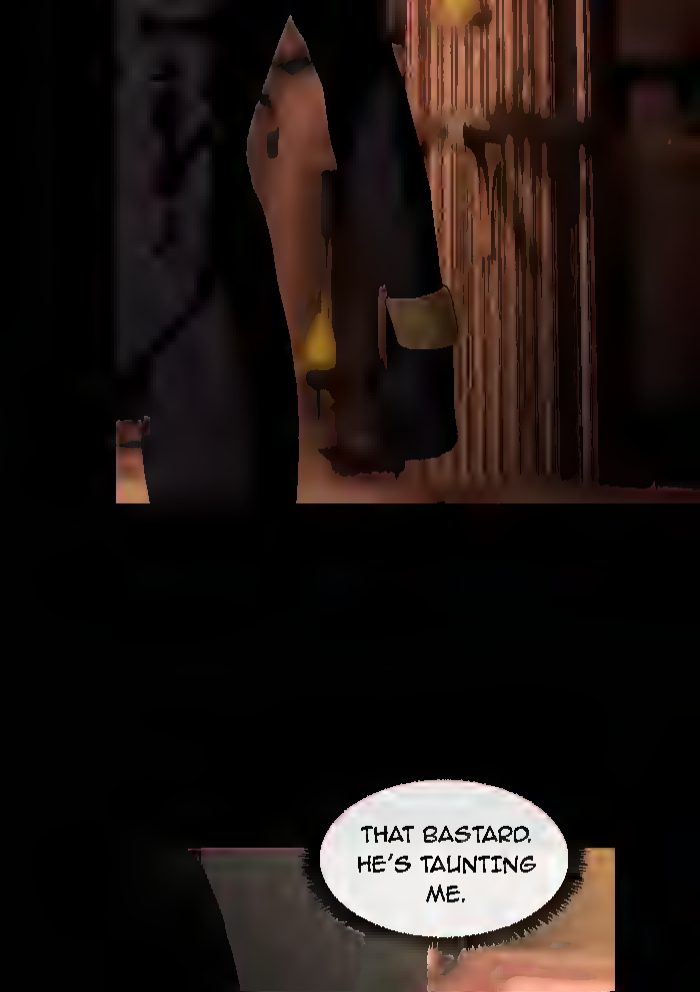
OH~ THAT? I GUESS
IF YOU WANT TO PUT
IT LIKE THAT, IT
WOULDN'T BE
UNTRUE.
BUT~ I'VE NEVER
BEEN A VILLAIN.

ELECTRONIC VOICE?
...ANYWAYS, YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S TRUE, RIGHT?
KRUMM

MBLE-

CLENCH

WHY ARE YOU GETTING ANGRY? WHAT RELATIONSHIP DO YOU HAVE WITH A WEAK HERO LIKE GUARDIAN?


THAT BASTARD. HE'S TAUNTING ME.

I'VE BEEN LIVING MY LIFE AS THE "VILLAIN HUNTER" JUST TO CATCH THIS GUY.
YES, LET'S STAY CALM. RELAX...

SWOOOSH-
PHEW-
I NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT MY FATHER'S DEATH. WHO AND WHY THEY KILLED HIM.

HEY...HEY. LOOK HERE. WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN ARE YOU CALM?
DON'T...BE LIKE THAT~

SHUT IT!
I WANT TO KILL YOU THIS INSTANT, BUT THERE ARE THINGS I NEED TO FIND OUT FIRST.
SO I'LL JUST KILL YOU HALFWAY FOR NOW.

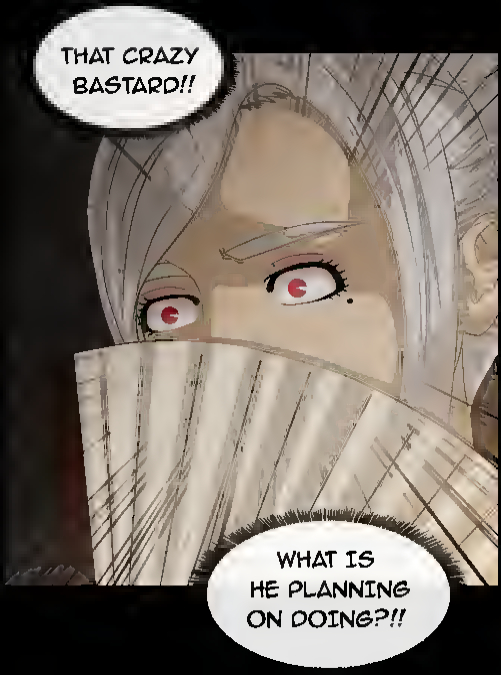
HE REALLY THINKS HE'S DAMN STRONG.
WHEW~
FINE. GO AHEAD AND GIVE IT A SHOT IF YOU THINK YOU CAN. GET ANGRIER-

DING DING DING~
THE FIGHT IS FINALLY STARTING!!
WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIM...?

THE CHAMPION AND THE CHALLENGER. SO FAR THEY HAVEN'T STARTED FIGHTING BUT SEEM TO BE TALKING BACK AND FORTH.
A BATTLE OF NERVES?

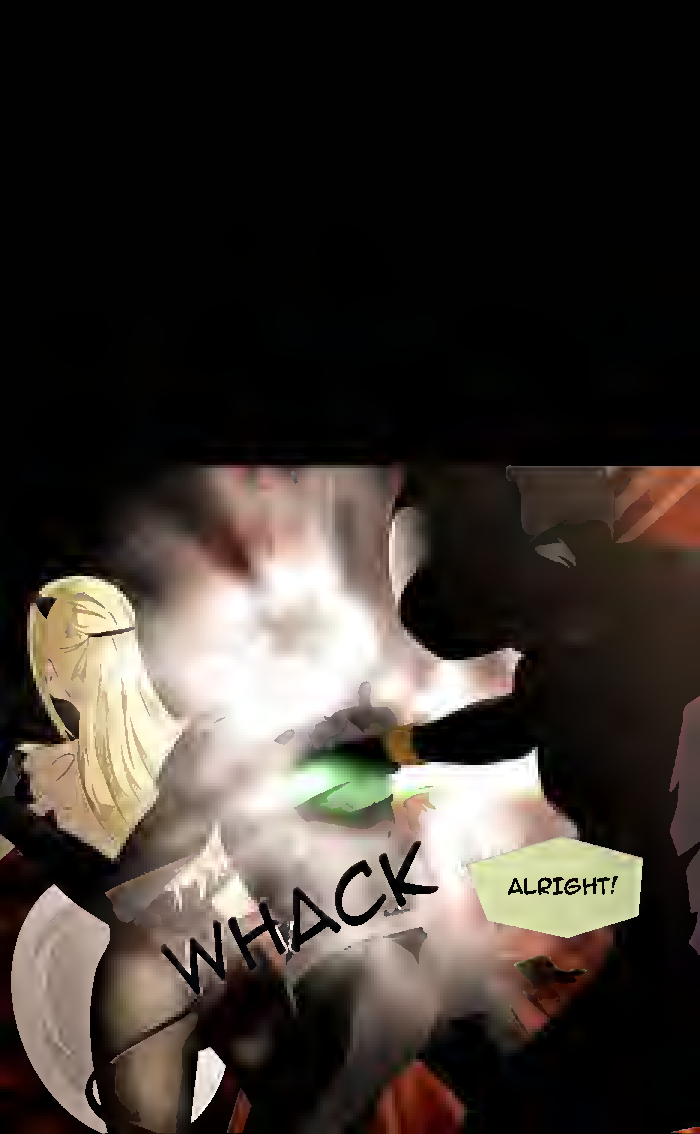
YOU. THERE'S NO POINT IN ME FIGHTING YOU IN THAT STATE
M...N, FORGET IT

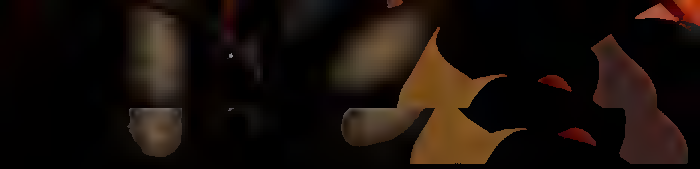
MAYBE THIS WILL TICK YOU OFF.
BLITZ


THAT CRAZY BASTARD!!
WHAT IS HE PLANNING ON DOING?!!

OOPS! CHAMPION! THE CHAMPION IS SUDDENLY LUNGING AT THE ROUND GIRL?!!!
LEAP

SWOOP
SORRY~ THIS IS GOING TO HURT


WHACK
ALRIGHT!



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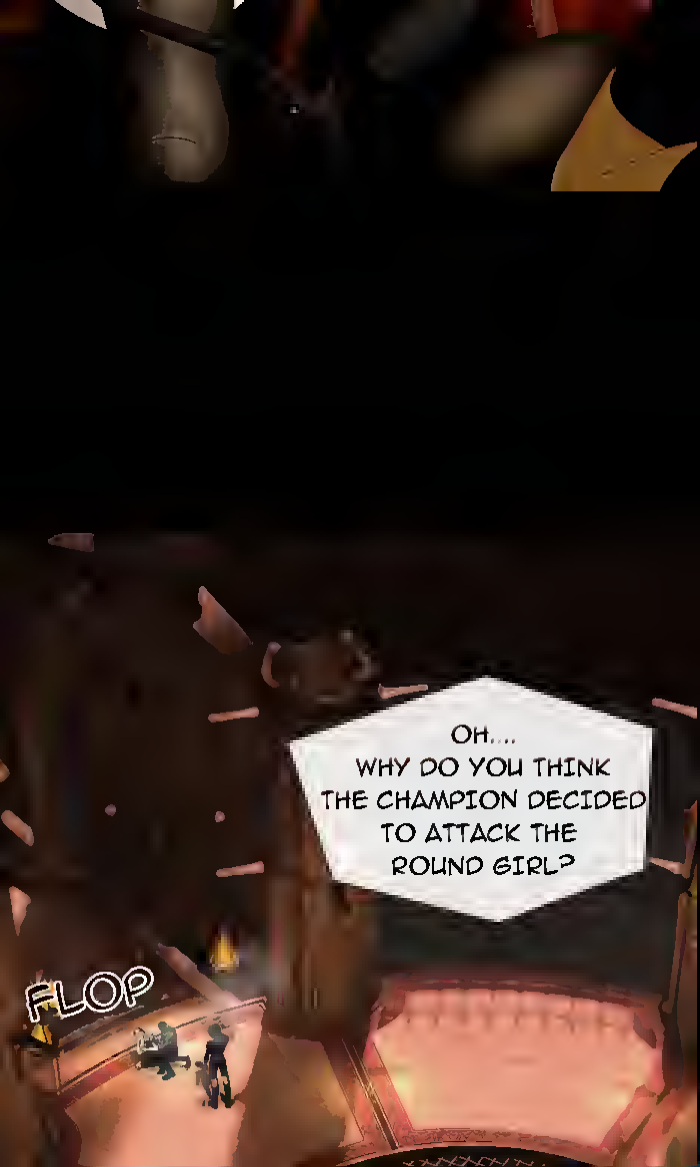
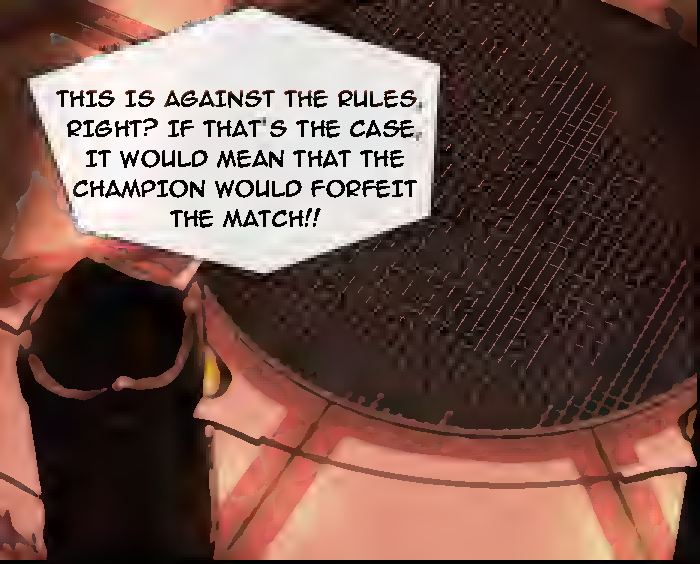
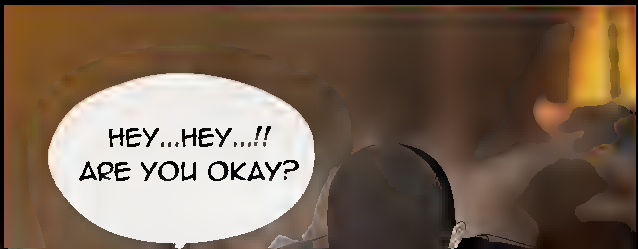
LEAP

WHACK


OH....
WHY DO YOU THINK THE CHAMPION DECIDED TO ATTACK THE ROUND GIRL?
FLOP


THIS IS AGAINST THE RULES, RIGHT? IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT WOULD MEAN THAT THE CHAMPION WOULD FORFEIT THE MATCH!!


HEY...HEY...!! ARE YOU OKAY?

AND THERE WE HAVE IT! THE CHAMPION HAS BEEN DISQUALIFIED!
BOOOOO-
NOOOO!!
I BET EVERYTHING I HAD ON THE CHAMPION!!!
BOOO-
BOO! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!!!!!
THE CROWD'S DISPLEASURE IS BEING VOICED THOROUGHLY

WHAT THE HELL WAS THIS? WHY WOULD YOU TRY TO ATTACK AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER?

YOU CAN'T IMAGINE HOW HARD I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CONTAIN MY ANGER...
GNASH
I DID IT SO THAT YOU WOULD GET MAD

THIS WASN'T ENOUGH?
PROBABLY BECAUSE I WENT TOO EASY ON YOU.
I'M JUST TOO NICE—
NOW,
SHALL WE

POW
CONTINUE WHERE WE LEFT OFF?

OH~ WHAT'S THIS?
THE CHAMPION HAS
DISREGARDED THE
DISQUALIFICATION AND
IS CONTINUING
ON WITH THE MATCH!
BANG-

AND IT LOOKS LIKE NO ONE IS GOING TO GET IN BETWEEN THESE TWO FOR THE MOMENT!!!
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN A COCKY GUARDIAN TRIED TO SAVE SOMEONE AND WAS PITIFULLY BEATEN.

UGH!
GRIP
KYAHHHH-

FLING

IS...ISN'T THIS A BIT TOO MUCH?!!
KYLE!! THERE BETTER NOT EVEN BE A SCRATCH ON LAMIA!

SWOOSH—
AH!
GRAB
GRAB

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NOW, COME ON!!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE REPRESSING YOUR ANGER IN FRONT OF YOUR ENEMY
WAG
WAG

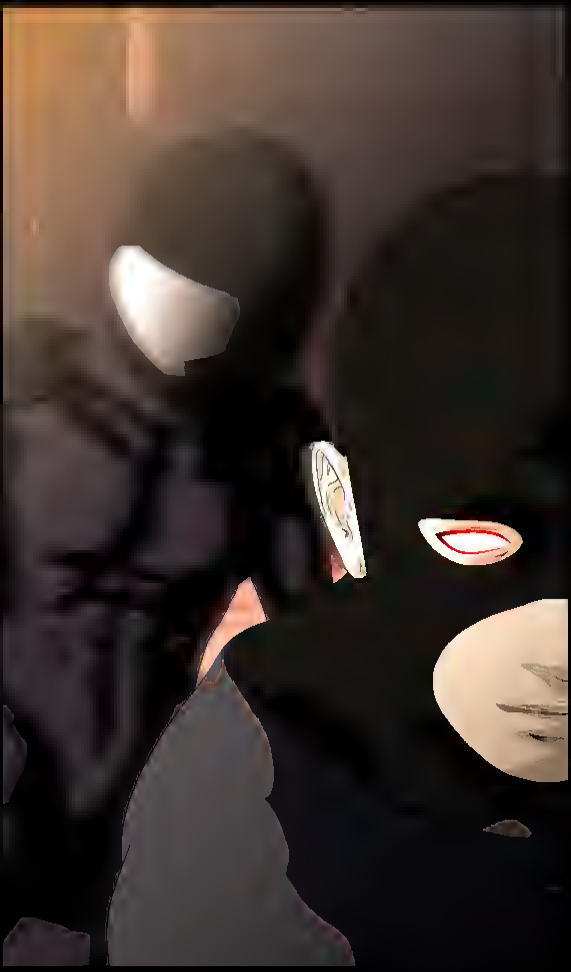
IT SEEMS...
ACTUALLY WORKING?

CRAP

ZOOM

POW

SWING



BAM

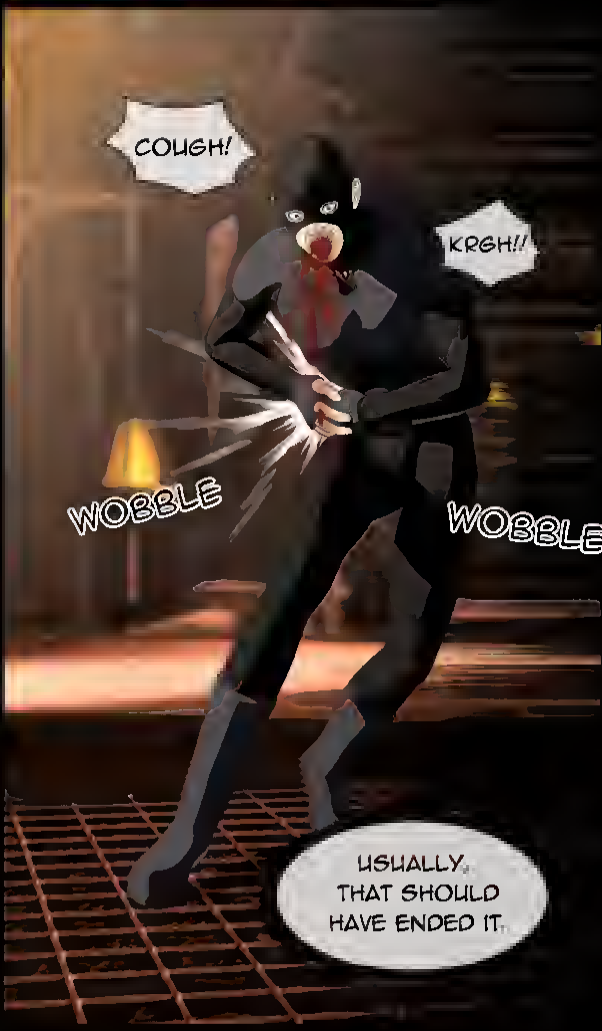
WHAM

HE BORROWED MY STRENGTH AND MY SPEED. BUT HE HASN'T REACHED HIS LIMITS YET...

GRASP
IF THAT'S SO...

WHAT ABOUT PHYSICAL STRENGTH?
!!
POW

YEAH~ HIS BODY WAS PRETTY TOUGH FROM THE BEGINNING AND TO ADD MORE ON TOP OF THAT...
CRACK
HE TAKES BLOWS WELL, AND THAT'S WHAT KEPT HIM STILL ALIVE.


COUGH!
KRGH!!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
USUALLY, THAT SHOULD HAVE ENDED IT.

THAT'S IT? COME ON- STRUGGLE A LITTLE MORE-
LIKE GUARDIAN
CRACK-

UGHHHHHH...
SWOOOSH

YEAH,
TAKE SOME MORE,
MORE! MORE!!!
SWOOOSH

AHHHHHHHH!!!!
FAZOOM!

BTOOM

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! PLEASE EVA...EVACUATE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY!
BOOM
OH MY GOD!!
AHHHH!!
WE'VE ALSO GOTTA GET OUT OF....ARGH!
BOOM

THIS IS AN ARENA WITH A COATED BARRIER AND IT'S STILL COLLAPSING?!

DID THE POWERS HE BORROWED FROM DARKSLUG ACTIVATE HIS PRANA?
GRAB
ALTHOUGH

ZINGGGG-

GRRRR-

TRUMP
TRUMP

BABAMMM

SWOOSH-

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO AVENGE YOUR FATHER, THEN YOU MUST BECOME STRONGER THAN ME

BUT, I'M NOT SURE IF THAT DAY WILL EVER COME. HAHAHAHAHAHA!!
PUFF-
PUFF-
PUFF-

YOU MAY
REST NOW.

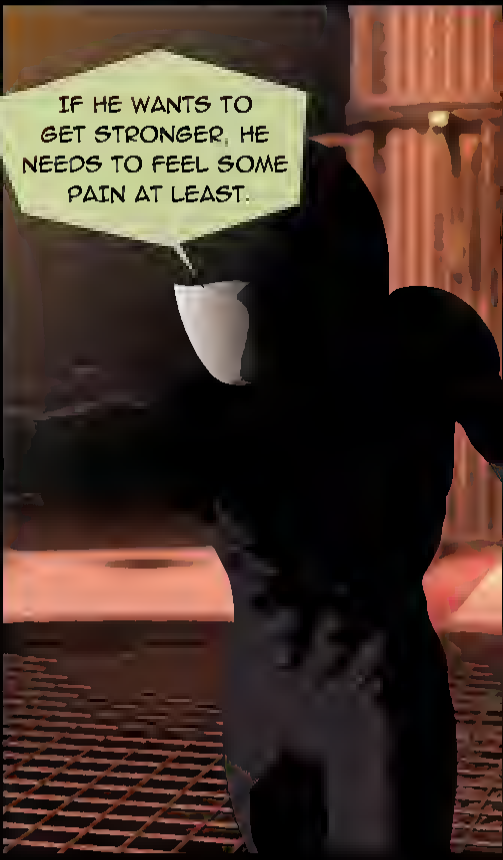
WOOSH

PHAT

THUD

SWOOSH
FLOP

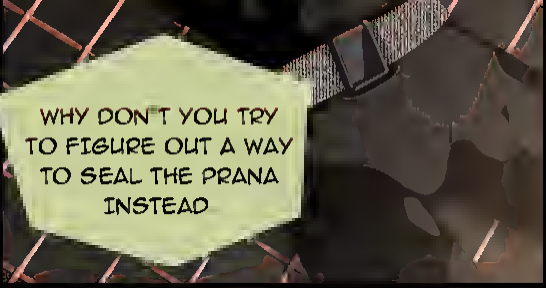
THAT'S ENOUGH.
YOU DIDN'T HAVE
TO GO THIS FAR.

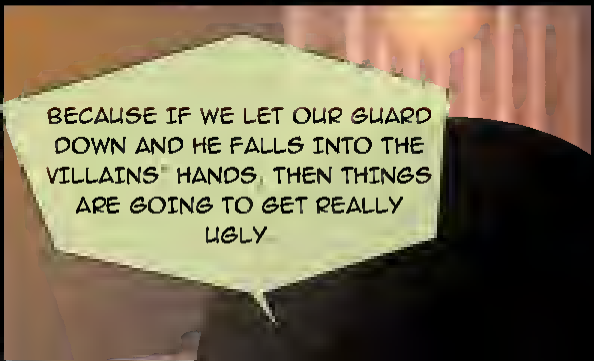

IF HE WANTS TO GET STRONGER, HE NEEDS TO FEEL SOME PAIN AT LEAST.

WHAT'S THE POINT IN DOING THIS TO A CHILD WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING?
THROB
THROB

YOU'RE BEING TOO PROTECTIVE. PEOPLE MIGHT THINK THAT YOU'RE HIS MOTHER OR SOMETHING.

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU DIDN'T REPORT THE TOP COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABOUT THE SECOND PRANA. BUT


WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO SEAL THE PRANA INSTEAD


BECAUSE IF WE LET OUR GUARD DOWN AND HE FALLS INTO THE VILLAINS' HANDS, THEN THINGS ARE GOING TO GET REALLY UGLY

JUST LIKE THE THIRD PRANA THAT WE LOST...
TH...THATS...

SWOOSH
MASTER.

KYLE, WHAT ABOUT LAMIA?
SHE IS IN A SAFE PLACE.
MASTER. I SUGGEST WE HURRY BACK TO THE HEADQUARTERS.
HERO GLAMQUEEN HAS

BEEN REPORTED AS POTENTIALLY BEING KILLED
WHAT?
!

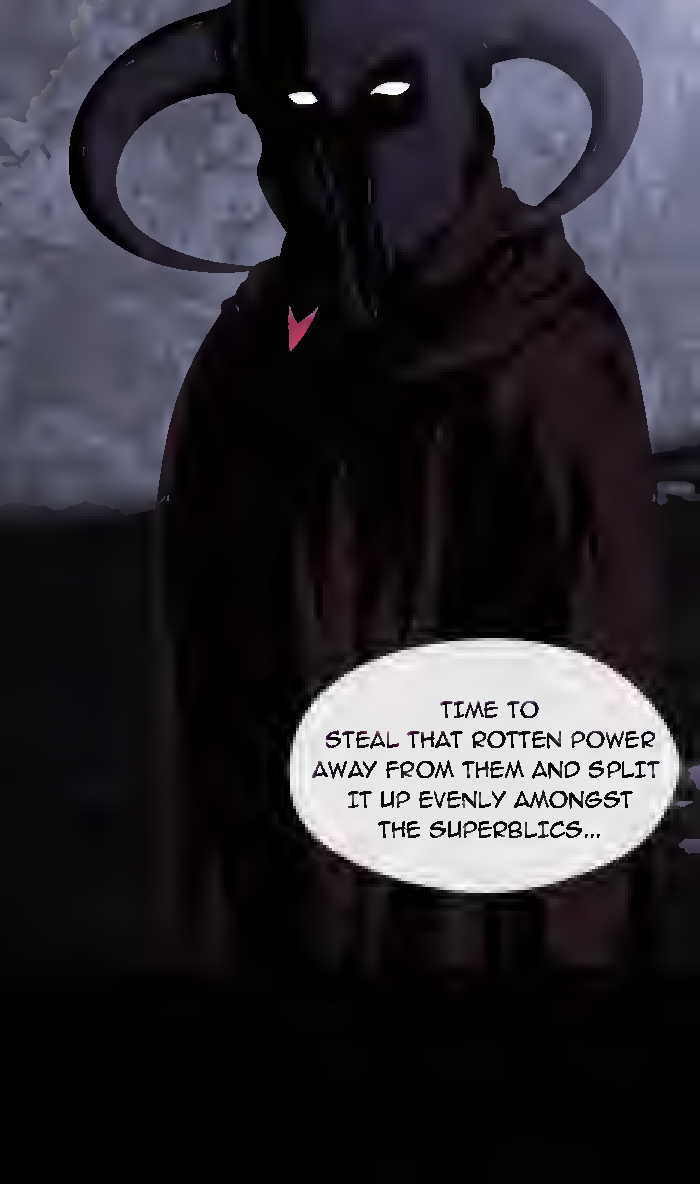
FLUTTER

DO YOU LIKE IT?
THE NEW POWERS
I HAVE GIVEN YOU.

HE TREATED ME LIKE A SLAVE AND WHEN I SUFFERED FROM AN INJURY WHILE ON DUTY,
HE FIRED ME ON THE SPOT THE SAME DAY.

ALL THE HEROES I'VE SEEN ARE NOTHING BUT POWER HUNGRY PIECES OF TRASH
CLENCH

IT'S TIME.


TIME TO STEAL THAT ROTTEN POWER AWAY FROM THEM AND SPLIT IT UP EVENLY AMONGST THE SUPERBLICS...

MORE OF YOUR COMRADES WILL JOIN US SOON.
AND I WILL MAKE THEM STRONGER THAN THE HEROES. ARE YOU ALL WITH ME?

OF COURSE, IF I HAVE THE CHANCE
TO KILL ALL THOSE HERO BASTARDS

NOW WE'RE GOING TO COLLECT THE TWO PRANAS THAT WE STILL DON'T HAVE.

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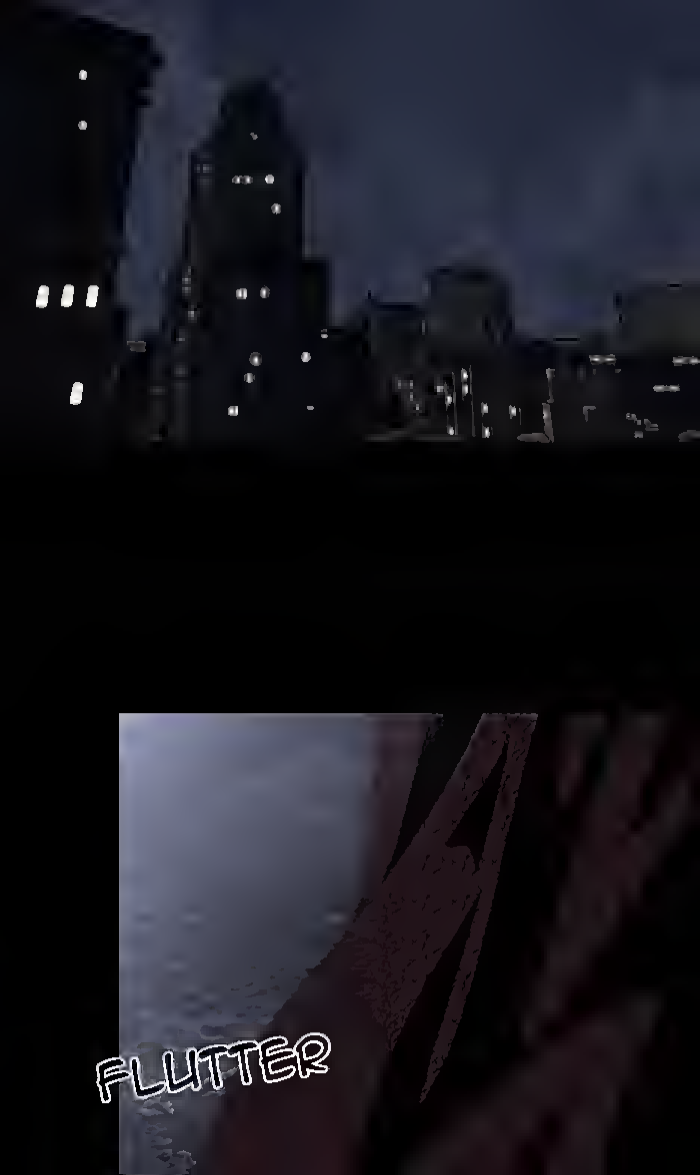
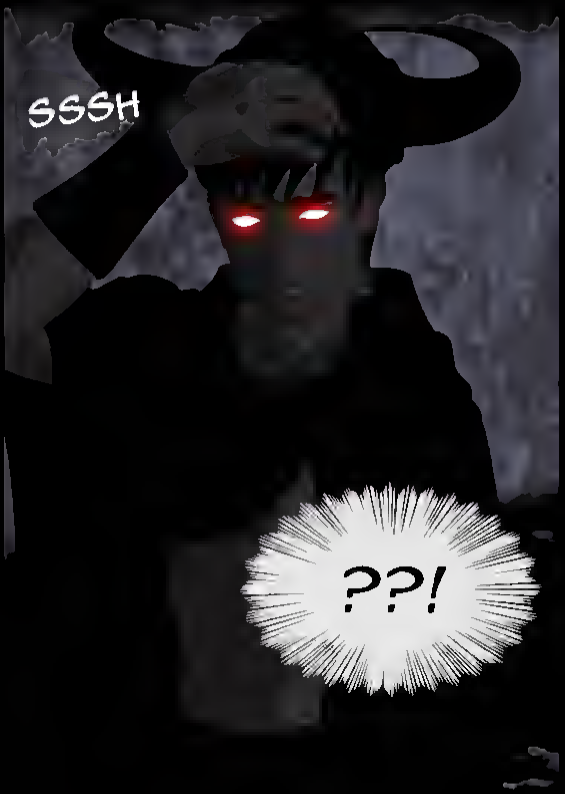

FLUTTER

WHERE AM I...??
WHO IS THIS...?

WHAT...
WHAT IS
THIS??
HMM
WHAT
HAPPENED
HERE...


SSSH
??!

OH...
IT WAS...
A DREAM?

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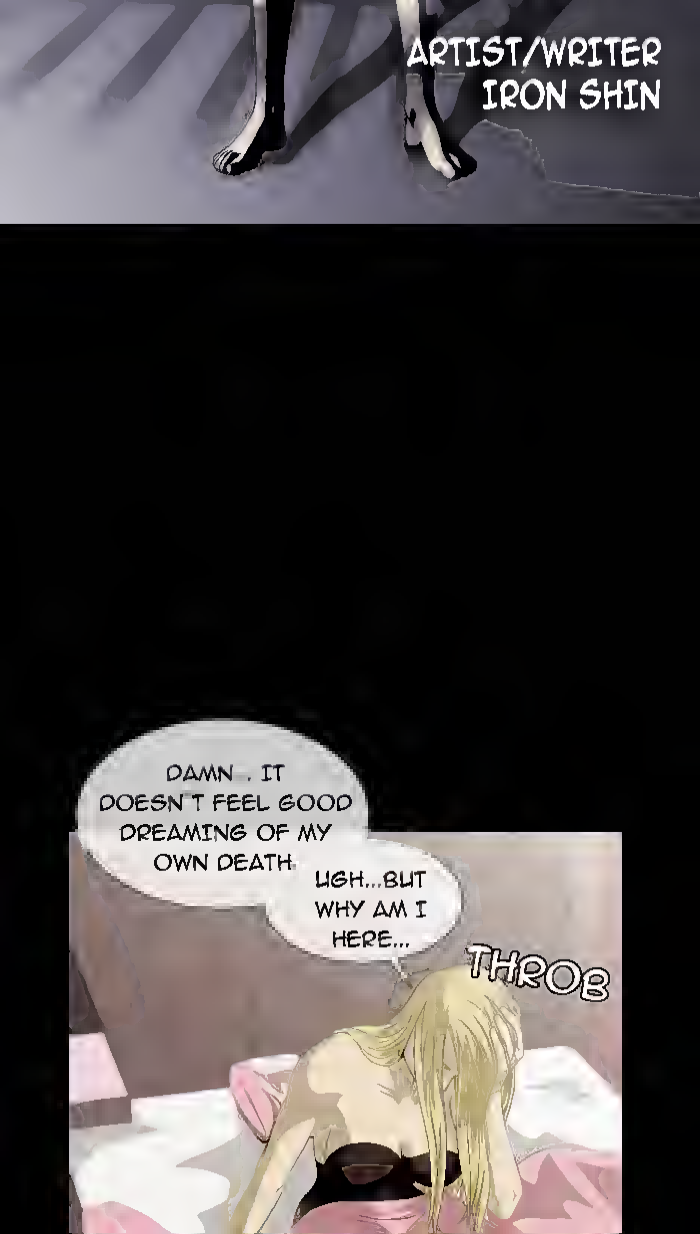
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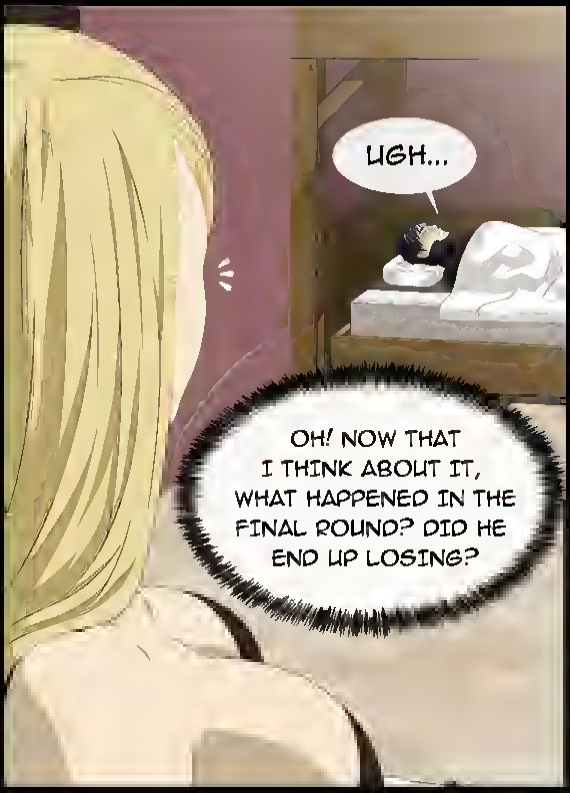
DAMN . IT DOESN'T FEEL GOOD DREAMING OF MY OWN DEATH.
UGH...BUT WHY AM I HERE...
THROB

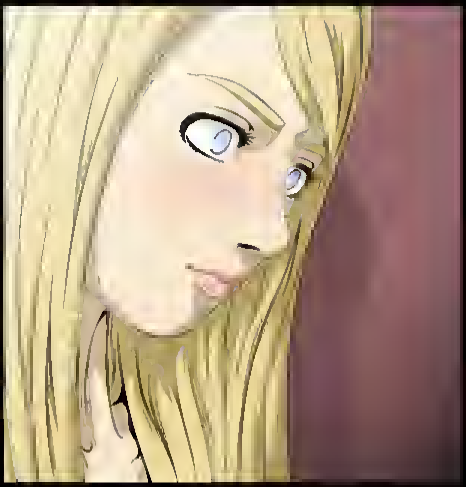
OH, RIGHT. WE WERE IN THAT ILLEGAL ARENA.

OH NO~ MY NEW SUIT. I MUST HAVE LEFT IT THERE.
WHAT SHOULD I DO.
WHAT IS THIS...?
SLIP


UGH...
OH! NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WHAT HAPPENED IN THE FINAL ROUND? DID HE END UP LOSING?

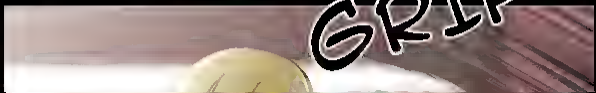
UGH.....

WHY IS HE SWEATING SO MUCH... AN INJURY? OR,
IS HE JUST ASLEEP?

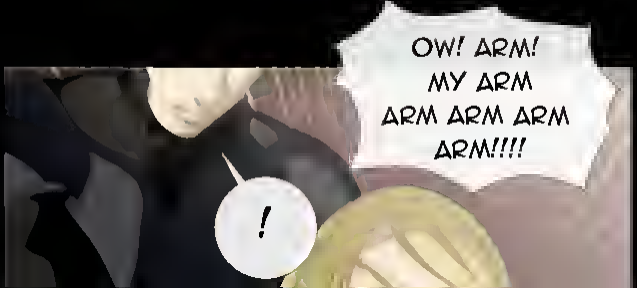


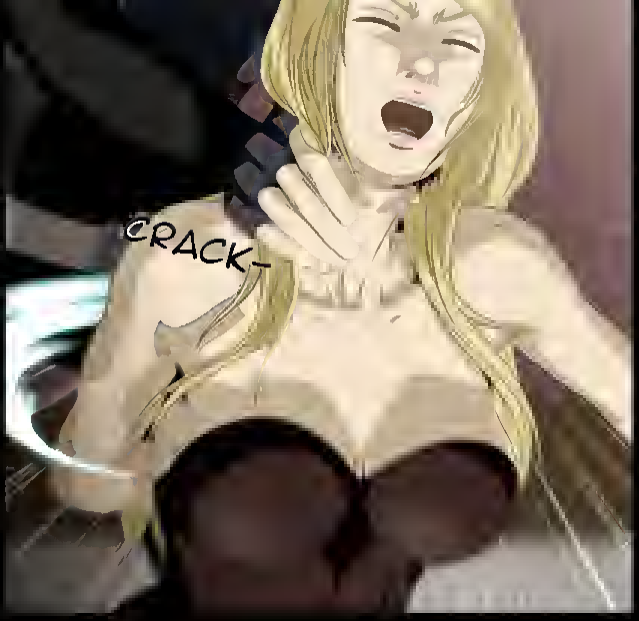
SSH
I...SHOULD WIPE AWAY HIS SWEAT AT LEAST...
PIT-A-PAT
PIT-A-PAT

GRAB
!!


GRIP

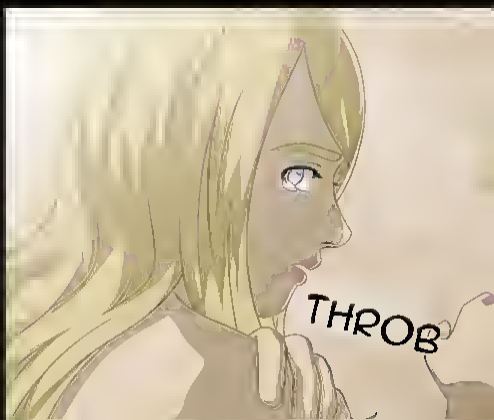
UGH!!
CRACK
CLENCH


OW! ARM!
MY ARM
ARM ARM ARM
ARM!!!!
!


CRACK-

AH! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
SNAP

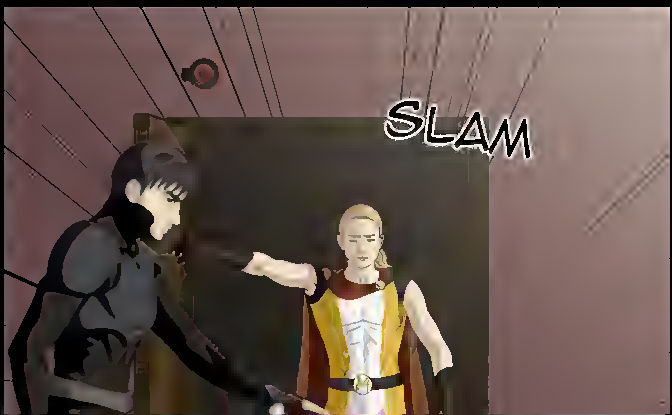
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
OOF....


THROB

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
OH...NO. THAT WASN'T ON PURPOSE. I WAS HAVING THIS NIGHTMARE...
EMM...
WHO SAID TO CREEP AROUND ME LIKE THAT?! I WAS SURPRISED!!

HAS NO SHAME

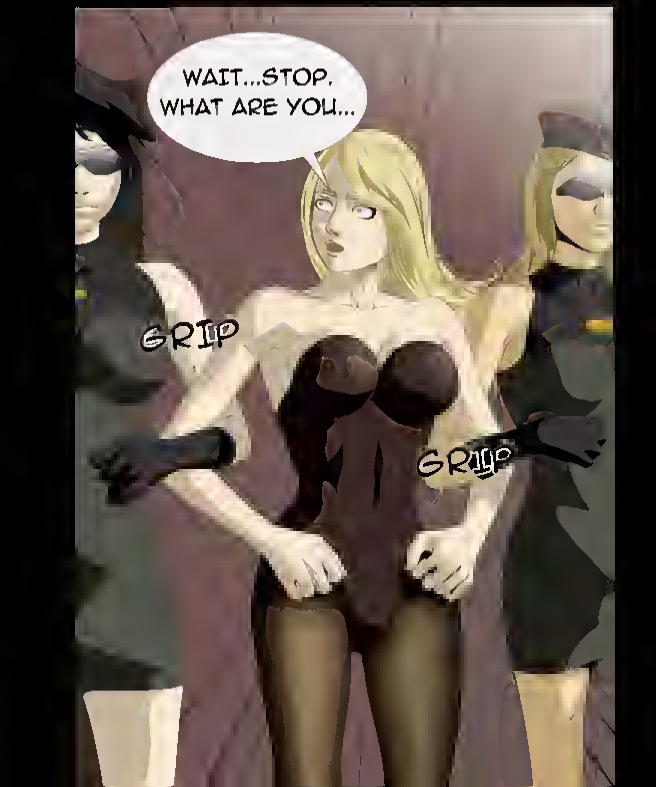
GASP...


SLAM

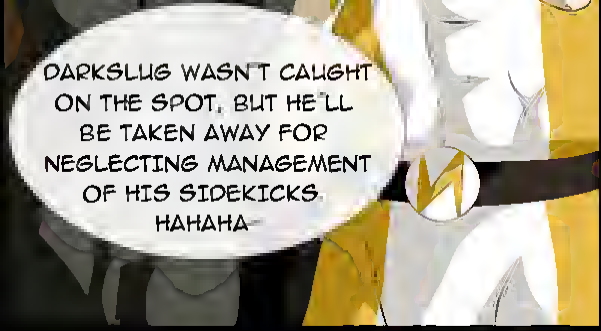
HUH?
THIS IS A STRANGE VIBE I'M WALKING INTO. HUH?

TAKE THEM BOTH AWAY!
IMMEDIATELY!!!
YES, SIR!!

KATA KATA KATA


WAIT...STOP.
WHAT ARE YOU...
GRIP
GRIP

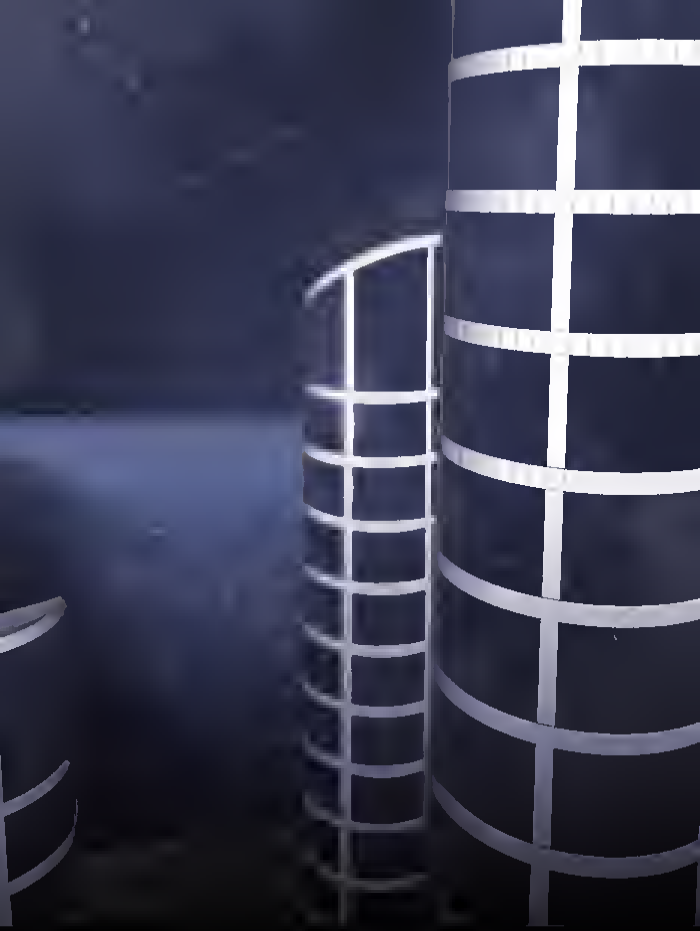
YOU GUYS ARE UNDER ARREST FOR GOING TO THAT ILLEGAL ARENA. THIS IS A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARRESTS.
EXCUSE ME, MR. LIGHTNING


DARKSLUG WASN'T CAUGHT ON THE SPOT, BUT HE'LL BE TAKEN AWAY FOR NEGLECTING MANAGEMENT OF HIS SIDEKICKS. HAHAHA

DARKSLUG IS STILL TOO DRUNK FROM HIS WINE. HE WON'T WAKE UP NO MATTER WHAT WE DO TO HIM. HOW SHALL WE PROCEED?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN HOW? DRAG HIM!

SNORE

MA...
MASTER!!



THIS IS RECENT FOOTAGE FROM AN ILLEGAL ARENA

WE CAUGHT DARKSLUG'S SIDEKICKS IN BECAUSE THEY WERE VERIFIED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE ILLEGAL MATCH.
BUT THE BIGGER ISSUE AT HAND IS THAT GENERAL CAMILLA WAS SPOTTED THERE AS WELL.

HOW CAN A GENERAL OF THIS COMMITTEE BE SPOTTED IN AN ILLEGAL ARENA? THIS IS UNHEARD OF.
SHE'S A GENERAL WHO HAS GONE AGAINST THE COMMITTEE'S AUTHORITY MANY TIMES.

I THINK IT'S A GOOD CHANCE FOR US TO EXPEL HER...
NOT A BAD IDEA.
I AGREE WITH PIETRO, THE MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL
PIETRO, WOULDN'T THE NEWS THAT A HERO WAS DEFEATED BY A VILLAIN
ALONG WITH THE EXPULSION OF ONE OF OUR TOP COMMANDERS BE INAPPROPRIATE?

MR. CHAIRMAN.
WE MUST DISCIPLINE THEM. WE MUST AT LEAST STRIP THEM OF THEIR TITLES.

WHIRR

COMMITTEE MEMBERS, THIS IS AN URGENT NEWS.

THE BODY OF THE SIDEKICK OF THE HERO "COMPOSER" HAS BEEN FOUND!

THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE "COMPOSER" IS ALSO UNKNOWN AFTER HIS BACKUP REQUEST WAS SENT.
WHAT?
WHO HAS THE BALLS TO DO THIS!

NOW. NOW. LOOKS LIKE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE SO LET'S FIRST RID CAMILLA OF HER TITLE-

AND TEMPORARILY HAVE ANOTHER HERO TAKE UP THAT POSITION.

HERO COMPOSER!!
STOP HIDING LIKE A COWARD

COME OUT!!
SLICE
SWISH
SLICE

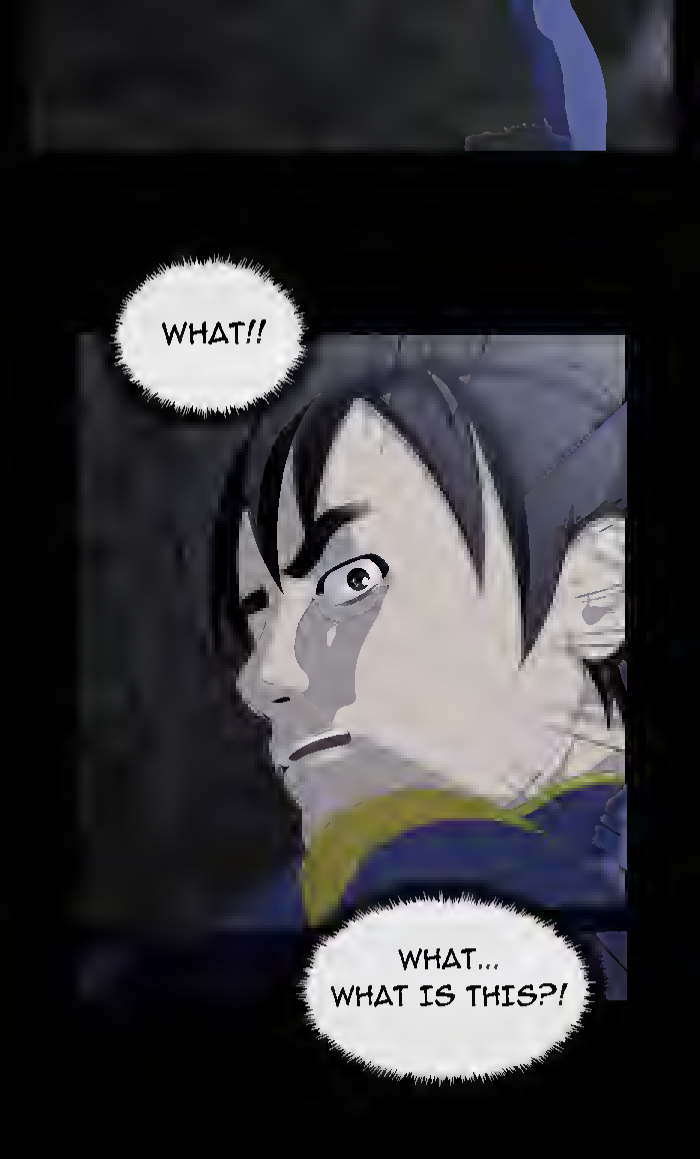
AREN'T YOU EVEN EMBARRASSED? YOU CALL YOURSELF A HERO?
TO RUN AND HIDE FROM A SINGLE VILLAIN SUCH AS MYSELF!!

SWOOP
YOUR SIDEKICK IS DYING. YET YOU RAN AWAY BY YOURSELF
WHAT A TRASH.

SWOOP
!!

TOO SLOW!!
TAP—
SCREECH—

POW
!
SWOOP_


WHAT!!
WHAT...
WHAT IS THIS?!

AHHHHH!!
SWOOP

HOW DISRESPECTFUL IF YOU UNDERESTIMATE A HERO.
CRAP
CLENCH
YOU WILL DIE.

PLOD
PLOD

PLOD
HMM-

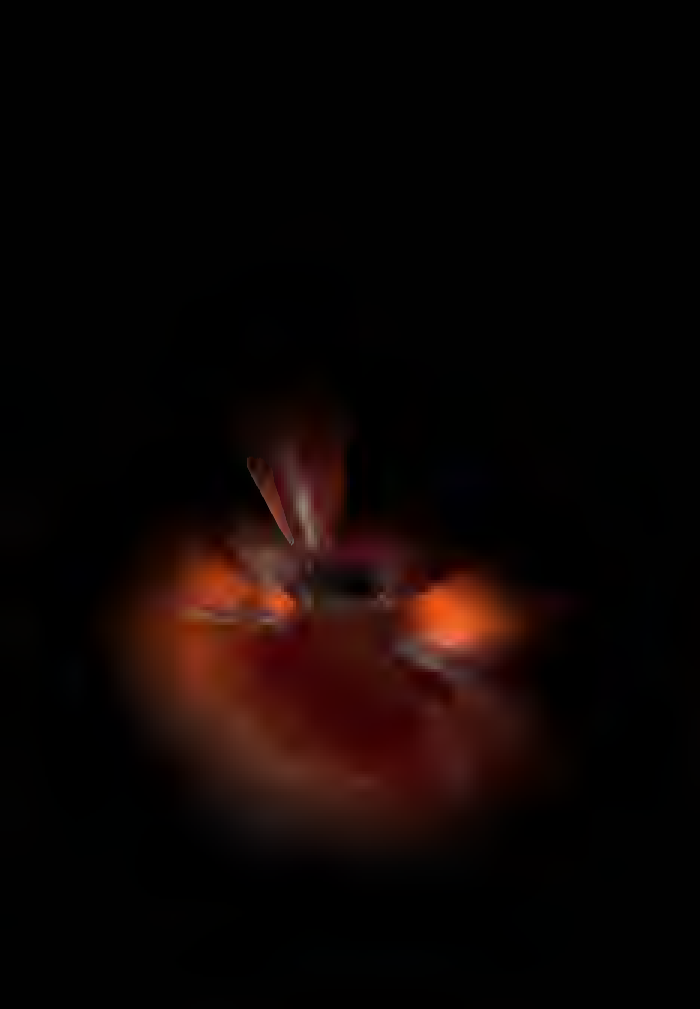
PLOD
PLOD
YOU HAVE AN EXTREMELY DISGUSTING ABILITY.

HURRY AND FINISH HIM. I CAN'T STOP THE TIME AROUND A HERO FOR A LONG TIME.
I KNOW!
DAMN IT- WHY WON'T THAT LITTLE BRAT GET CAUGHT IN THE TIME POSE?

YOU DON'T KNOW WHY? IT'S BECAUSE I'M MUCH STRONGER THAN YOU ARE.
SHUT IT!
ARE YOU STUPID?
I'LL KILL YOU FIRST!

C'MON-
LET'S PLAY WITH HIM JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
I SHOULD JUST POKE HIS YES OUT-
HE'LL PROBABLY FREAK OUT WHEN HE CAN'T SEE ALL OF A SUDDEN. THAT SHOULD BE FUN. *GIGGLE*

GOOSH



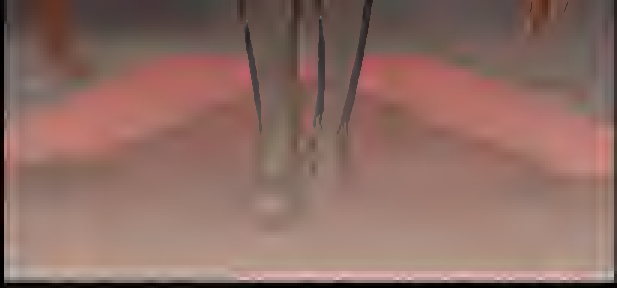
AHHHHHHH!!!
COUGH COUGH-
DAMN IT- WHY DID YOU DO THAT AGAIN?!!

THERE'S NO TIME TO MESS AROUND. HURRY AND FINISH THIS AND MOVE ON TO OUR NEXT TARGET.
WOOSH
LOOK FORWARD, GALE. OUR NEXT TARGET SEEMS TO BE...

SOMEONE YOU
WILL BE SO HAPPY
TO SEE AGAIN.

WHIRR-

COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
THIS IS HERO LIGHTNING.



WE HAVE COME TO THE DECISION OF TEMPORARILY PROMOTING YOU TO A NEW POSITION AS A SECRETARY GENERAL AND A COMMANDE OF THIS CASE.

I WILL BRING IN ALL THE VILLAINS WHO HAVE BROUGHT THIS TROUBLE TO OUR DOORSTEP.

IF ONLY YOU WILL
ALLOW ME TO DO SO.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
JUSTICE

T.A.P

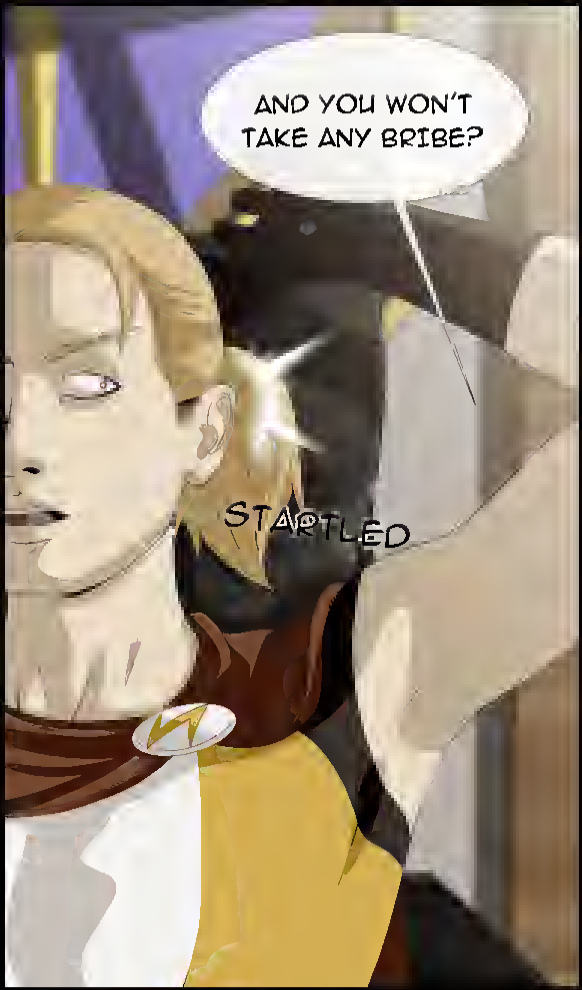
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!
IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY, BUT...
AS LONG AS I TAKE CARE OF THE NEXT MATTER WITHOUT ANY ISSUES, I DON'T THINK BECOMING THE NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD BE TOO FAR-FETCHED!

OH, IS THAT SO?
ZOOOM-
HEY~
IT'S BEEN A WHILE~
"AFROSTAR".
DO THE TOP COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT HAVE EYES

TO LET THIS GUY BE THE TEMPORARY SECRETARY GENERAL?
WHOA WHOA— THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO YOUR SECRETARY GENERAL! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS FOR THE TIME BEING.

OH AND I BELIEVE YOUR SIDEKICK WAS CALLED "SUCCUBUS"?
HOW ABOUT YOU QUIT BEING HIS SIDEKICK AND BECOME MINE? YOU'RE EXACTLY MY TYPE OF GIRL-
HMPH...

YOU LITTLE...
MAN, I REALLY HAVE NO LUCK WITH MY SIDEKICKS. I THOUGHT THE MOST RECENT ONE WOULD TURN OUT TO BE VERY USEFUL, BUT
I FIRED HIM FOR BEING INCOMPETENT. SHOULD I JUST PICK A FEMALE SIDEKICK NEXT TIME? I'LL JUST PICK A PRETTY ONE~


AND YOU WON'T TAKE ANY BRIBE?
STARTLED

HEY! STOP THAT!
YOU SCARED THE CRAP
OUT OF ME!
YOU LITTLE BRAT!!
SLICKKK
SOME DAY,
IT'LL REALLY FIRE
AT YOU.

LIMPID!
LONG TIME
NO SEE~
HELLO!
NICE TO SEE YOU
AGAIN, AFROSTAR!

OKAY~ THAT'S ENOUGH OF THE INTRODUCTIONS. ALL THE HEROES FROM THE COMMITTEE SUMMONED IS HERE NOW.
AS YOU ALL KNOW, I'VE BECOME THE OPERATIONAL COMMANDER.

I HOPE YOU ALL CAN LISTEN TO MY "ORDERS" AND WE CAN ELIMINATE THOSE VILLAINS FROM HERE ON OUT.
GOT IT?

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BTOOM

IT'S A VILLAIN!
RUN!
AHHHHHHHH!
MOM!
MOM!
AHHHHHHHHH!!

MOM!!!
MOM!!!

KEVIN ALLEN. FIFTEEN. WE HAVE CONFIRMED HE POSSESSES SUPERPOWERS.
HE IS QUALIFIED TO ENTER THE JUSTICE COLLEGE.

FATHER, I'VE RECEIVED RECOGNITION ON THE HONOR ROLL AGAIN.
I PROMISE TO BE A SIDEKICK BEFORE I GRADUATE.
KEVIN... YOU'RE NOT PUSHING YOURSELF TOO MUCH, RIGHT? DON'T GET HURT AND ALWAYS BE CAREFUL.

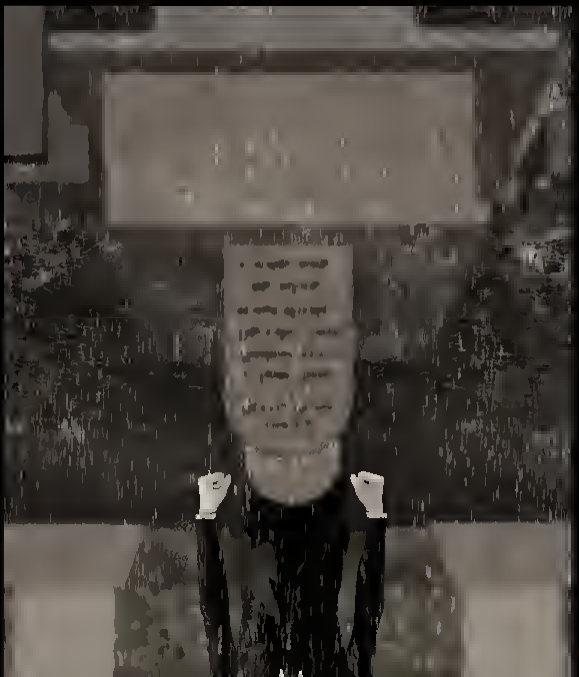
HEY, I HEARD KEVIN FAILED TO BECOME A SIDEKICK AGAIN
WHAT'S THE POINT OF HAVING GOOD GRADES. HE DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE TO BACK HIM UP.

HE'S GOING TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE UNDERCORE AFTER GRADUATION JUST LIKE US...
THIS IS MY LAST CHANCE BEFORE GRADUATION.

I'VE ENDURED THIS WHOLE TIME TO AVENGE MOTHER...

KEVIN ALLEN!
THERE'S BEEN A PHONE CALL FOR YOU FROM THE HOSPITAL. YOU NEED TO HURRY ON OVER.

YOUR FATHER ACCIDENTALLY FELL DOWN THE STAIRS... AND HE'S....
SPLASH



YOU'RE KEVIN ALLEN, RIGHT? YOU WILL BECOME THE SIDEKICK TO THE HERO, LIGHTNING.
WHAT...?
WELL, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN. I'M A BROKER OF SORTS IN THIS FIELDS.

YOU NEED TO HAVE SOME MONEY TO BE THE SIDEKICK OF LIGHTNING. AND WHEN YOUR FATHER HEARD THAT...
WELL, HIS LIFE INSURANCE MONEY WAS A LITTLE INSUFFICIENT, BUT I TOOK CARE OF THE REST. SO, DON'T WORRY~

DON'T LET YOUR FATHER'S SACRIFICE GO TO WASTE AND BECOME THE BEST HERO YOU CAN BE. KEKEKE~
SPLAAAASH~

MASTER... I'M SORRY.
I THINK I WILL RECOVER SOON, SO I WILL CATCH THAT SNATCHER GUY NO MATTER WHAT.
FORGET IT, GALE.

I ALREADY CAUGHT AND KILLED THAT GUY. GALE, YOU SHOULD JUST REST UP
AND PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE UNDERCORE
SSH

BECAUSE YOU'RE ALREADY FIRED-
M-...
MASTER!!
I'M NOT YOUR MASTER ANYMORE YOU RETARDED PIECE OF SH#T

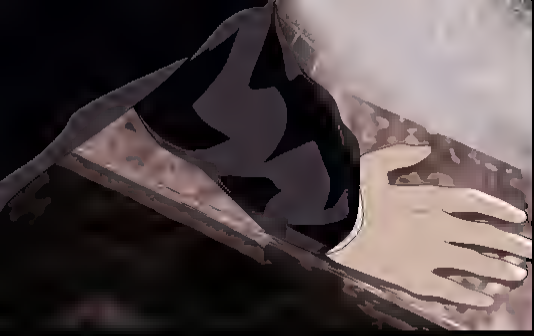
STUMP
STUMP
IS SIR METHEOS HERE? I HAVE SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL HIM
WAIT-
SSH

NOT NOW. HE'S WITH AN IMPORTANT GUEST.

GALE, DON'T FRET SO MUCH.

I'LL MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GETS TO KILL LIGHTNING.
METHEOS. IT WAS JUST AS YOU HAD SAID.
THAT GUY HAD THE SECOND PRANA.

I WAS ALSO SHOCKED AFTER SEEING THIS.
THE OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS ONLY GOT TO SEE AN EDITED VERSION. SO THEY WOULDN'T NOT HAVE NOTICED IT.



THEN WE SHOULD GET STARTED IMMEDIATELY.

SINCE CAMILLA AND DARKSLUG ARE CURRENTLY TIED UP WITH OTHER THINGS, IT SHOULD GET MUCH EASIER FROM HERE ON OUT

AND AS YOU
HAVE INSTRUCTED
I PUT AN IDIOTIC JERK
ON THE CHAIR.

BUT BEFORE WE START THIS, METHEOS. I THINK WE SHOULD REVIEW OUR DEAL PRANA WAS ONLY UP TO THE SECOND ONE.
AND BY USING ITS POWER AND MAKE ENOUGH DISTRACTION, WE'LL HAVE YOUR FULL COOPERATION.

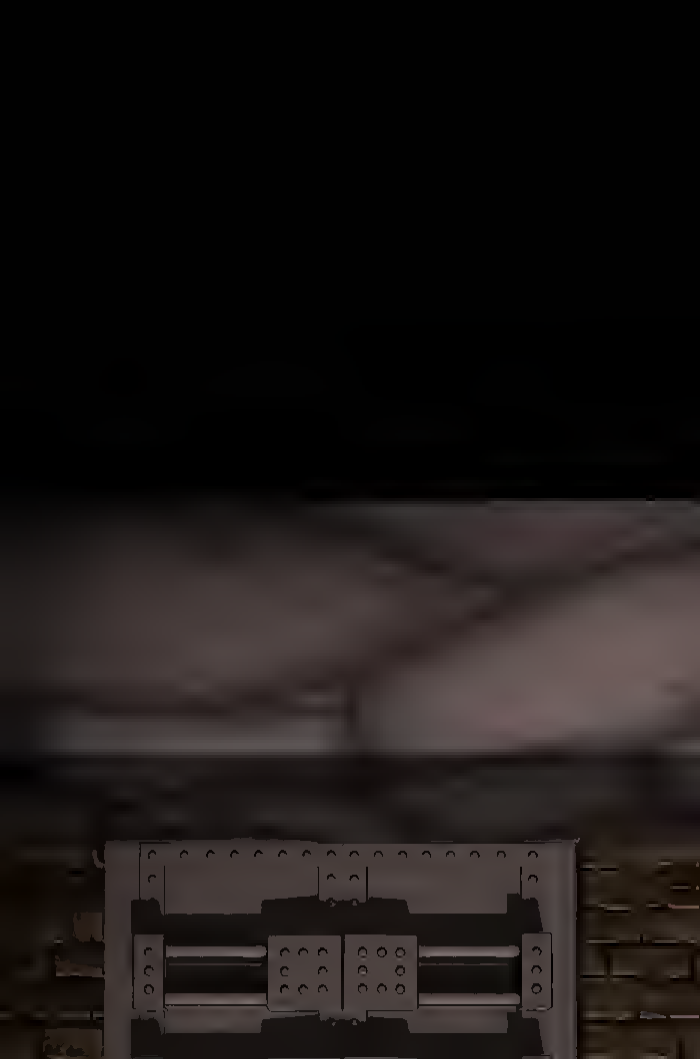
UNTIL I'LL BANISH ALL THE OTHER TOP MEMBERS AND THE WHOLE COMMITTEE BECOMES A DICTATORSHIP OF MYSELF-
LET'S MAKE A BEAUTIFUL SOCIETY WHERE BOTH HEROES AND VILLAINS CAN LIVE PEACEFULLY WITH EACH OTHER.

EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT AS YOU WANT IT TO BE, PIETRO.
DEAL. THEN I'LL GO AHEAD AND GIVE YOU THAT BOY AS AN OFFERING.

IF YOU WANT TO GET REVENGE FOR YOUR FATHER,
BECOME STRONGER THAN ME.

HE KNEW THAT I WAS THE SON OF GUARDIAN. AND HE HAD SOME FAMILIAR VIBE, FOR SURE...

WHO THE HELL
WAS HE?



MASTER.
THERE IS EQUIPMENT IN PLACE THAT IS REPRESSING OUR SUPER POWERS.
I DON'T THINK I WILL EVEN BE ABLE TO GO OUT AND CHECK THE SITUATION.
I KNOW.
REST UP FOR NOW.

THE VILLAIN CALLED PHANTOM HAD BEEN A SPY WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE BEFORE ENTERING THE UNDERCORE.
THERE'S DEFINITELY A TRAITOR WITHIN OUR COMMITTEE WHO'S POWERFUL ENOUGH TO GIVE ORDERS.

I KNOW THAT YOU ARE SUSPICIOUS OF PIETRO, THE TOP COMMITTEE MEMBER.
YEAH. BUT WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HIM WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE.
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T REPORT THEO'S SECOND PRANA AT THE CONFERENCE.
BUT PIETRO MAY HAVE ALREADY NOTICED IT.

YES, BUT EVEN SO, IF WE RASHLY BREAK OUT OF PRISON, IT COULD END UP KICKING US IN THE BEHIND.
I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO.
SNORE---

I CAN'T JUST HANG AROUND RELAXED UNLIKE SOMEBODY.
SNORE~
PEW~~~
MASTER,
MAY I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

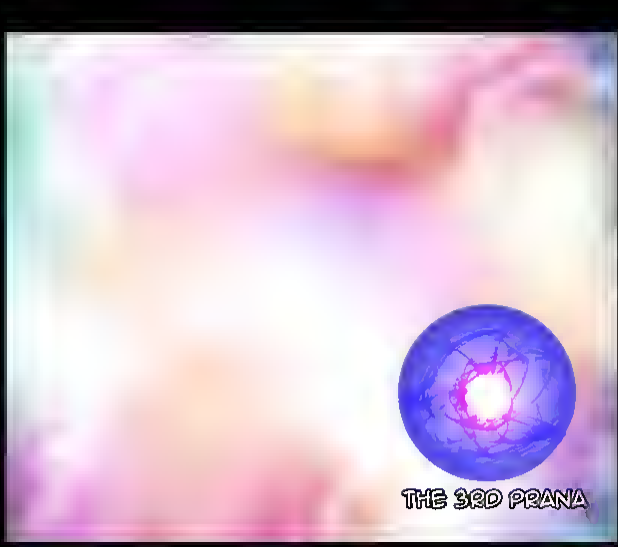
WHAT IS
THE "PRANA" EXACTLY?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU HEARD OF IT, RIGHT? WELL I'M SURE YOU'VE PRETTY MUCH FIGURED IT OUT BY NOW, THOUGH
ONLY THE TOP COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SOME OF THE HIGH LEVEL HEROES KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT...

THE TRIAD PRANAS

LIKE THE NAME SAYS, IT'S THE ORIGIN OF
THREE SUPERPOWERS COME TOGETHER TO FORM ONE.

THE TRIAD PRANAS SHARE EACH OTHER'S FUNCTIONS JUST A BIT, BUT

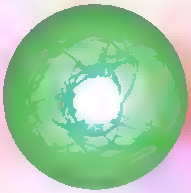


BASICALLY,
THE THIRD PRANA CAN DECREASE
OR STEAL THE POWER OF ANOTHER.

THE SECOND PRANA CAN EITHER AMPLIFY OR CONTROL THE SUPERPOWER.

THEO HAS THE SECOND PRANA, AND THE VILLAINS STOLE THE THIRD ONE.

AND THE FIRST PRANA, WHICH IS STORED SOMEWHERE INSIDE OF OUR HEADQUARTERS, CREATES SUPERPOWERS.



THE 1ST PRANA

THE REASON WHY THERE IS SUPERPOWER EMBEDDED ON THE ROBE A HERO GETS ON HIS HERO APPOINTMENT CEREMONY, IS PROBABLY GIVEN BY THIS FIRST PRANA.

BUT I HEARD THAT UNLESS ALL THREE OF THEM ARE TOGETHER, THE POWERS DON'T OPERATE WELL.
THAT'S WHY IT WAS VERY LIMITED WHEN THEO USED IT.

THEN IF THE THREE PRANA WERE TO FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS...
THAT'S WHY ONLY THE TOP MEMBERS KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE FIRST ONE.
I'M SURE ITS FUNCTION IS IN A STATE OF MUCH LIMITATION.

BUT HOW DID THE SECOND AND THIRD END UP...
WHEW~
THAT'S A VERY LONG STORY...

THERE WERE TIMES WHEN US HEROES WERE SIDEKICKS.
MY MASTER WAS HERO GUARDIAN.
ALSO THAT GUY LAYING DOWN OVER THERE—
CAMILLA.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE OKAY ABOUT THAT NOW? SINCE YOU'RE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT.
AT THAT TIME, I WAS WONDERING IF I HAD TO TAKE YOU TO AN ASYLUM.
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M STILL NOT READY.

WAIT, HOLD ON! WHEN DID YOU COME INTO MY BEDROOM?
SHIVER
SHIVER
HUH?? HOW COME MY BED IS SO HARD? WHERE'S MY SOFT PILLOW?

I'M... SO TIRED
I CAN'T OPEN MY EYES!!
HELP ME, CAMILLA!
WINE! GIVE ME
SOME WINE!
JUST DIE...

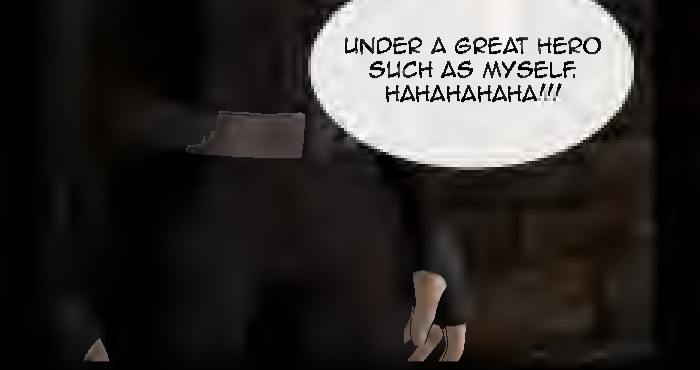
WHIRR-
NOW, NOW.
COME ON OUT!
COME ON MY FRIENDS!!

THE CHARITABLE HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE, MR. PIETRO
HAS FORGIVEN YOU SIDEKICK CRAPS.

WELL~
IT'S NOT REALLY ANYTHING TO GET SO HAPPY OVER.
CLANG
HE'S PUT BOTH OF YOU UNDER MY COMMAND-

INSTEAD OF THAT ALCOHOLIC HERO.
PREPARE YOURSELVES.

I'M GIVING YOU BOTH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE YOURSELVES AS SIDEKICKS.



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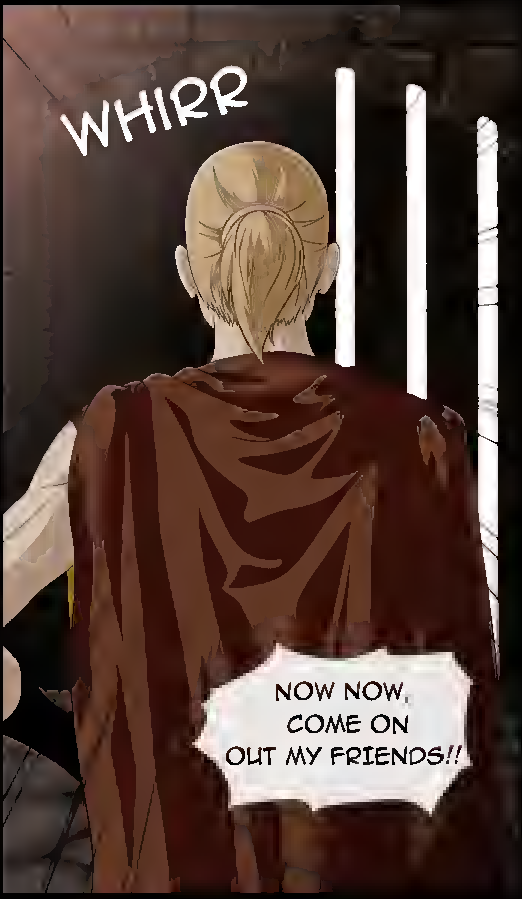
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NOW NOW,
COME ON
OUT MY FRIENDS!!

THE CHARITABLE HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE, MR. PIETRO
HAS FORGIVEN YOU RUNT LITTLE SIDEKICKS!

INSTEAD OF THAT ALCOHOIC OF A MASTER YOU HAD.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY AND COME OUT.

FOLLOW ME-
TRAMP
TRAMP

EXCUSE ME... MR. LIGHTNING
MAY I STOP BY THE HIDEOUT FOR A SECOND?
WHAT?

THIS SUIT MAY HAVE SOME DEFENSIVE COATING ON IT, BUT SINCE IT'S NOT A FORMAL SUIT...
I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE INTO MY NORMAL PINK SUIT.

HA!
HAHAHAHAHA...

HEY.
FLINCH

ATTENTION.
TAP

AT EASE.
STRAIGHT-

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?
YOU'RE A SIDEKICK. KNOW YOUR PLACE
THUD-
THUD-
WE'RE ABOUT TO BE BRIEFED ON OUR NEXT OPERATION AND YOU WANT TO STOP BY THE HIDEOUT?

SO...SORRY.
WHY WOULD YOU ASK THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE ARE YOU THAT STUPID?
OH YES. LET'S WAIT FOR OUR NOBLE SIDEKICK TO COME BACK FROM THE HIDEOUT SO SHE CAN CHANGE

IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHETHER YOU WEAR JEANS OR A SUIT. IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU WEAR...
NO...IT'S JUST THAT...
SSH

GRAB

THAT'S ENOUGH.
HUH-
AS YOU'VE SAID,
WE ARE SHORT AND TIME.
WE SHOULDN'T BE
WASTING IT LIKE THIS.

AND YOU SEEM TO KEEP COMPARING SIDEKICKS AND HEROES.
BUT DOES THAT REALLY MATTER WHEN WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS THE SAME GOAL?

TOGETHER??
SWOOSH
!!

YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MIND.
THUMP
ACK!

YOU GUYS ARE NOTHING BUT INSECTS. YOU IDIOTS.
ZOOOM-
UGHHH-
CRUNCH

GOD- HASN'T THAT WINE SIPPING IDIOT BEEN TEACHING HIS SIDEKICKS ANY MANNERS?
ARGHHH....

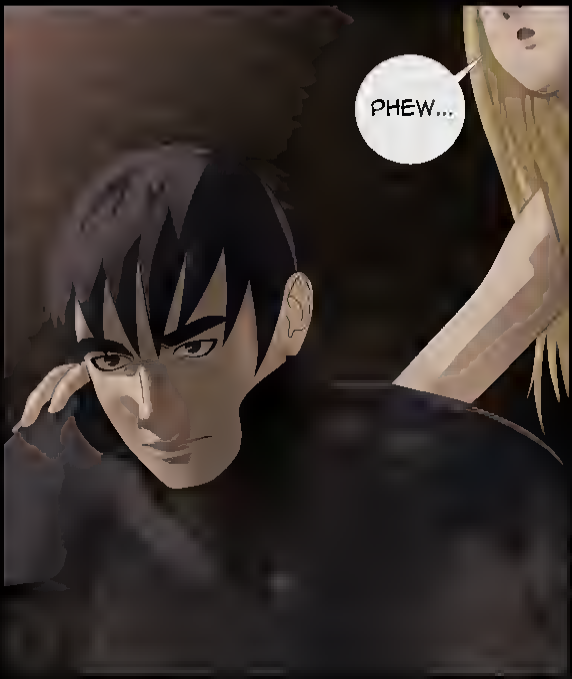
IS THAT WEIRD POWER COMING OUT AGAIN...?
LIGHTNING DIDN'T NOTICE LAST TIME BUT...
IF HE WERE TO SHOW IT RIGHT NOW...THINGS COULD GET REALLY COMPLICATED.
TAP

APPEAR
!
SORRY!
PLEASE FORGIVE US!
GRAB

WE ARE VERY SORRY. PLEASE FORGIVE US THIS ONE TIME...
HEY, STAY STILL!
TAKE A DEEP BREATH
UGH...

OH~ FINE.
WHAT AM I DOING
WASTING MY TIME
ON YOU GUYS.
HOW EMBARRASSING.
GET TO
THE OPERATION
MEETING ROOM IN
ONE HOUR. AND
WASH UP~

YOU SMELL.
TURN-
YES, SIR!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!


PHEW...

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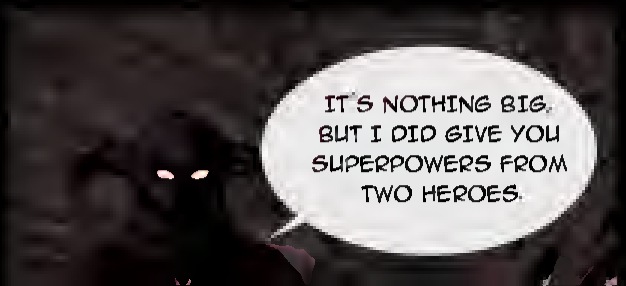
HEY, YOU LITTLE SH#T!! EVEN IF I DON'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING TO DO, YOU SHOULD FIND SOMETHING TO DO ON YOUR OWN!!
SLAP
WANNA JUST GIVE UP AND GO TO THE UNDER CORE?

NO! I'M SORRY... I'M VERY SORRY!
KICK~
LOOK, IT'S NOT ABOUT TRYING HARD. IT'S ABOUT DOING WELL.

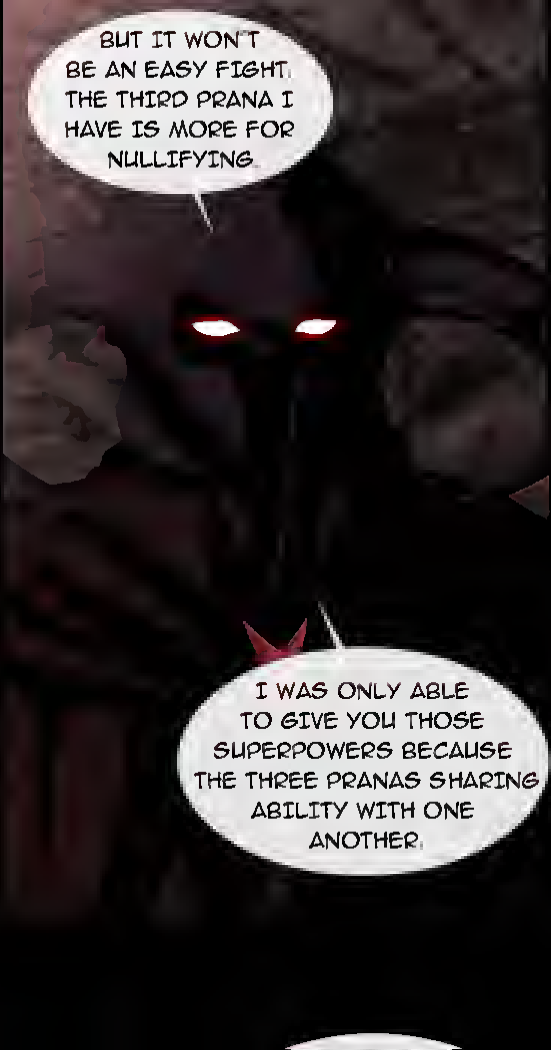
I'M ONLY DOING THIS SO YOU'LL HAVE AN EASIER TIME LATER ON.
DON'T EMBARRASS ME THIS TIME.
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN FIRED.
IS IT OVER ONCE I KILL LIGHTNING...

I CAN STILL AVENGE FATHER... RIGHT...?
LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REUNION WITH YOUR OLD MASTER, GALE.

IT'S AN EXCITING THING TO SEE AND MEET PEOPLE FROM YOUR PAST.


IT'S NOTHING BIG. BUT I DID GIVE YOU SUPERPOWERS FROM TWO HEROES.

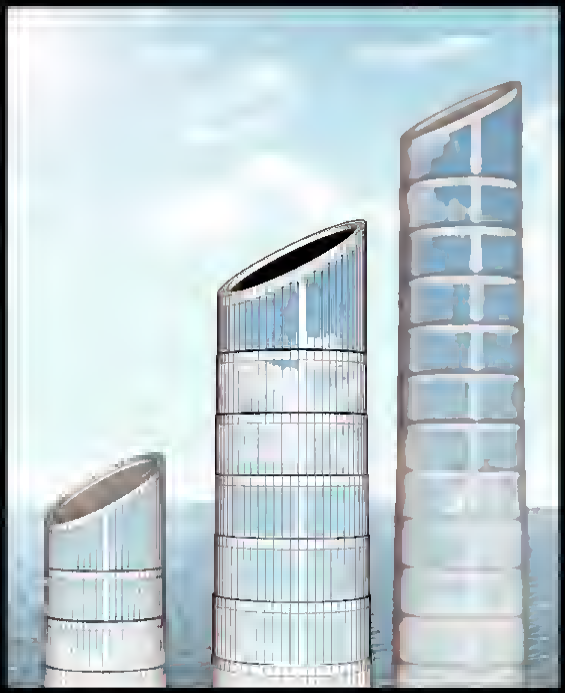
SIR METHEOS,
EVEN IF YOU WERE TO FIGHT LIGHTNING RIGHT NOW, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE HIM ON.

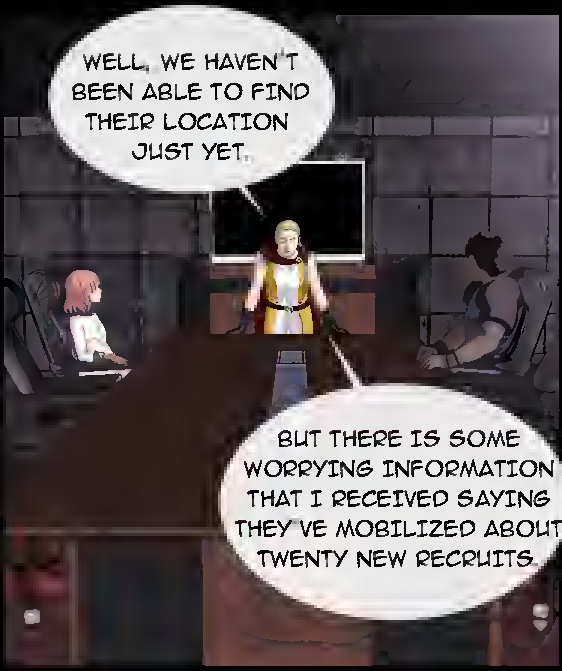

BUT IT WON'T BE AN EASY FIGHT. THE THIRD PRANA I HAVE IS MORE FOR NULLIFYING.
I WAS ONLY ABLE TO GIVE YOU THOSE SUPERPOWERS BECAUSE THE THREE PRANAS SHARING ABILITY WITH ONE ANOTHER.

YES, I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM IBLIS. THE POWER WAS NOT FULLY TRANSFERRED
AND THAT THE POWERS MAY GRADUALLY DECREASE OVER TIME
IS IT BECAUSE OF THE 'PRANA' THAT YOU MENTIONED? WHAT EXACTLY IS...

IT ALLOWS THE USER TO CREATE, CONTROL, OR ERASE A POWER.
THERE ARE TWO OTHERS LIKE THE ONE I HAVE.
LOOKS LIKE WE WILL NEED ALL THREE TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS.

THE TRIAD PRANA. THE DAY THAT WE CAN UTILIZE THAT POWER.
IS THE DAY THAT SUPERHEROES WILL NO LONGER BE IN EXISTENCE.




WELL, WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND THEIR LOCATION JUST YET.
BUT THERE IS SOME WORRYING INFORMATION THAT I RECEIVED SAYING THEY'VE MOBILIZED ABOUT TWENTY NEW RECRUITS.

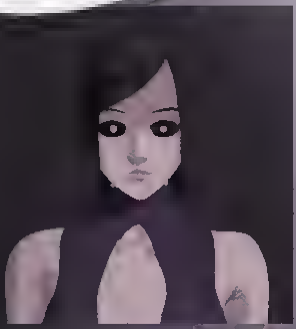
FIRST OFF, LET'S STICK TOGETHER. THERE ARE ABOUT FIVE TO SIX PEOPLE WHO KNOW OF THE SITUATION.
WE ONLY KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THREE OF THEM.
LET'S LOOK AT THE SCREEN.

NICKNAME: MONK
OH, AND WE DON'T KNOW THE RANKING OF ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WE'RE SEEING, THEIR ABILITIES AS WELL.

I'M NOT QUITE SURE WHAT HAPPENED, BUT EVEN THE ONES WITH A RECORD ARE NOW APPEARING, BUT HAVE BECOME DRASTICALLY STRONGER...IT'S A LITTLE STRANGE...

DON'T GET SO SCARED, AFROSTAR. HAHAHA.
MAYBE YOU'RE NOT SCARED ENOUGH. MAYBE I SHOULD WIPE THAT STUPID GRIN OFF YOUR FACE.

NEXT IS: IBLIS.
AN UNDERCORE DESERTER.
I HEARD THAT SHE WAS A
VERY PROMISING PROSPECT
INHER COLLEGE DAYS...
HOW DISAPPOINTING...



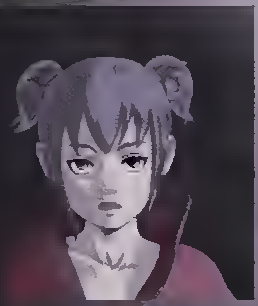
NICKNAM IBL
GRADE UNK

OUR RECORDS INDICATE
THAT HER POWERS ARE
TELEPATHY AND MIND READING.
BUT FROM WHAT I SAW EARLIER
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE CAN ALSO
USE MIND CONTROL

I'VE HEARD A RUMOR THAT ONE OF THEM WAS BEATEN LIKE A DOG~
QUIET, YOU BRAT. UNLESS YOU WANT TO END UP LIKE THAT DOG.
ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS VACANT.

OLIVIA.
HOW DID...
ISN'T THAT
OLIVIA?
IT IS, RIGHT?
YEAH.

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S ANOTHER KID HERE. NICKNAME: MYBEE EXPELLED FROM COLLEGE.



NICKNAME: MYBEE
GRADE: UNKNOWN

LOOKS LIKE THE REASON FOR EXPULSION IS FOR ASSAULTING A TEACHER. SHE HAS A RATHER RARE SKILL. REFLECTION...

BUT...LOOK AT THIS KID HERE. BOTH ARE LITTLE KIDS, BUT THAT'S ABOUT THE ONLY SIMILARTIY.

OH. THIS IS THE RECENT INFORMATION WE RECEIVED. WE BELIEVE THIS MAY BE THE LEADER

NICKNAME [illegible]
GRADE [illegible]

OTHER THAN THIS PICTURE, WE HAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION.

WHAT...??
THAT VILLAIN LOOKS LIKE THE GUY THAT WAS IN MY DREAM THE OTHER NIGHT..

NO.. IT MUST JUST BE DEJAVU..
OH, AND UNDER THE ORDERS OF THE COMMITTEE HEAD, MR. PIETRO, THOSE LITTLE RUNT SIDEKICKS STANDING OVER THERE.

THEY WILL BE WITH US TEMPORARILY, AFROSTAR. SINCE YOU ALREADY HAVE A SIDEKICK

SIDEKICK BLACKHOUND WILL GO WITH
HERO LIMPID. AND
AW MAN, I DON'T REALLY NEED HIM

SLURP
SIDEKICK DREAMGIRL
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS CUTIE FOR NOW. HAHAHAHA
CREEPS~

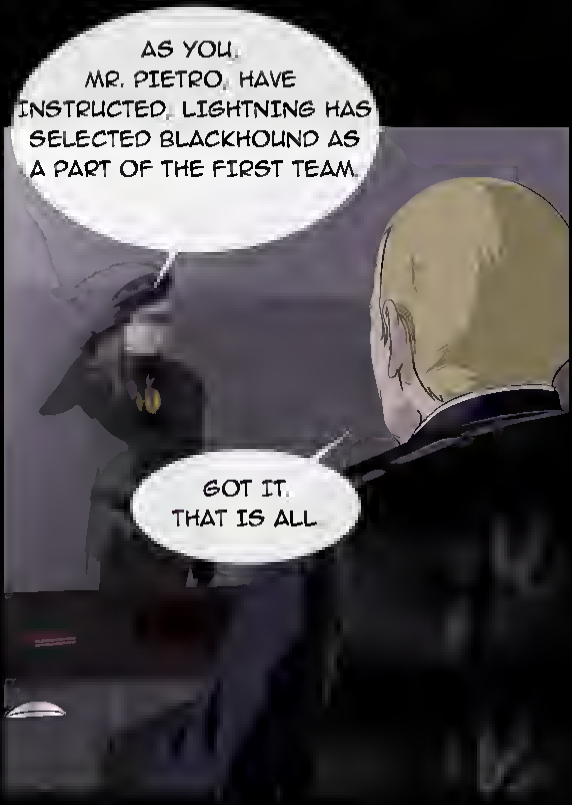
BUT WHERE SHOULD WE FIND THESE GUYS?
DO YOU HAVE ANY STRATEGIES IN MIND?

OH~ THESE GUYS HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND HUNTING HEROES.
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
SO I'M THINKING WE GO FISHING.
WE'LL THROW THEM SOME BAIT.

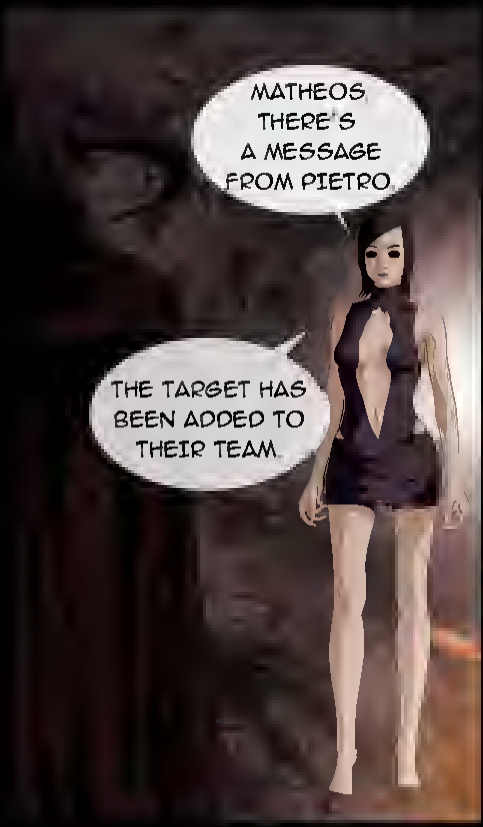
IT'LL BE PERFECT IF WE USE LIMPID AND HER CREW AS THE BAIT. TAKE ALL YOUR SIDEKICKS AND MESS AROUND SOMEWHERE
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? YOU CALL THAT A PLAN?
SO IF I GO SOMEWHERE AND START MESSING AROUND AND YELL, "HERE I AM!" THEY'LL APPEAR RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES...
SHUT IT! YOU'LL DO AS YOUR TOLD!!

COMMITTEE HEAD

PIETRO


AS YOU, MR. PIETRO, HAVE INSTRUCTED, LIGHTNING HAS SELECTED BLACKHOUND AS A PART OF THE FIRST TEAM.
GOT IT. THAT IS ALL

GOOD JOB, LIGHTNING. YOU'RE DOING JUST AS I HOPED YOU WOULD. KEKEKE-
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT AS USELESS AS I THOUGHT.


MATHEOS, THERE'S A MESSAGE FROM PIETRO.
THE TARGET HAS BEEN ADDED TO THEIR TEAM.

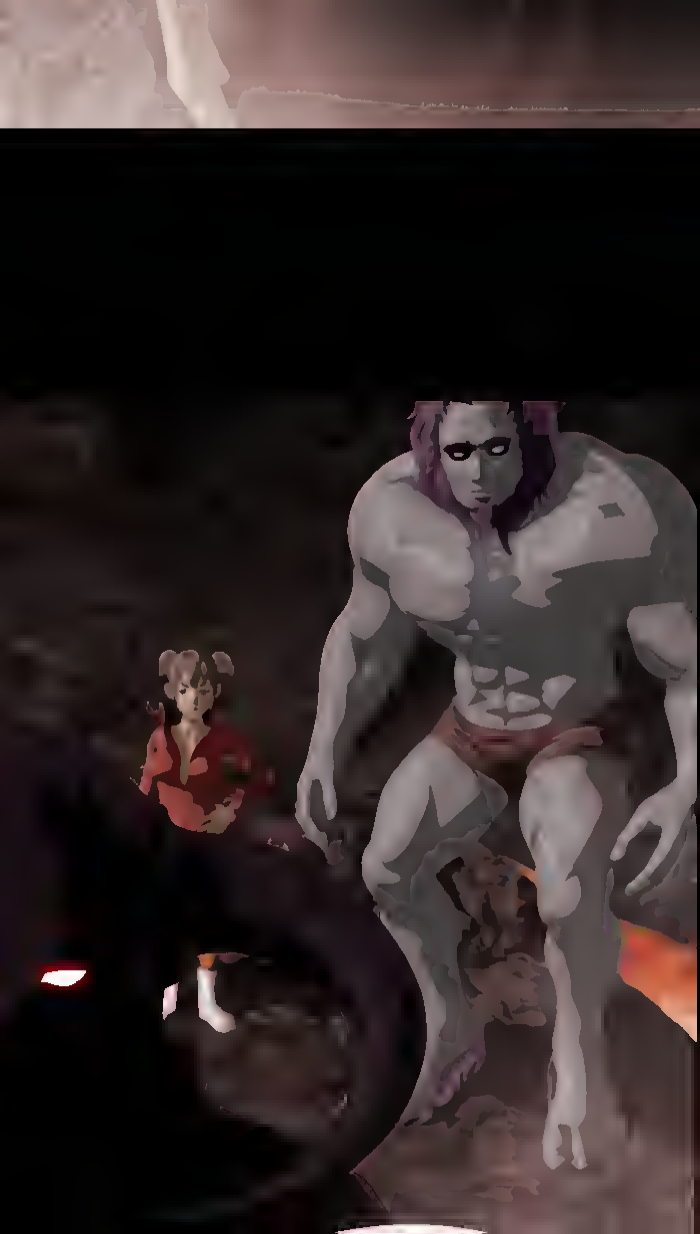
HE IS ALONE WITH HERO LIMPID.
SWOOOSH
EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

UNDERSTOOD. MONK IS CURRENTLY WAITING FOR INSTRUCTIONS. CONTACT HIM.
TELL HIM TO PROCEED WITH THE PLAN AS SOON AS THE TARGET ARRIVES

LET'S GO.
WE NEED TO GET GOING AS WELL.
WHEW
IT'S BEEN SO BORING, MATHEOS.

NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO RELAX, MYBEE
IT TOOK A LITTLE LONGER THAN EXPECTED, BUT YOU WILL FINALLY GET TO FIGHT SOMEONE VERY POWERFUL.

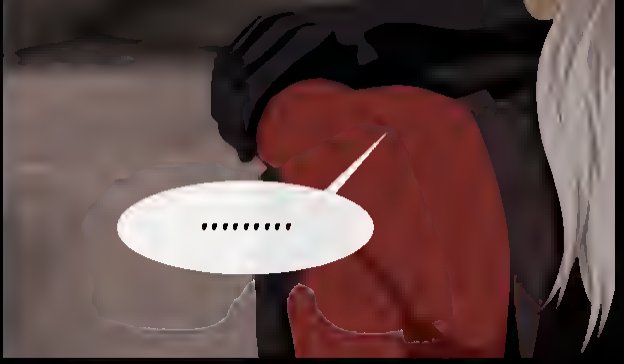
THIS TIME
I WILL



KILL HIM.

FLASH

WHAT! WHERE AM I?
WHY AM I HERE? AM I...DEAD?!
SPRING UP



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IT'S SO QUIET YOU WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU ARE IN A CITY...
WE'VE ALREADY EVACUATED EVERYONE, YOU IDIOT.

CCASIONALLY, COLLEGE STUDENTS OR THOSE FROM THE UNDERCORE ARE CAMOUFLAGED INTO THE PEOPLE WALKING AROUND... THE CARS ON THE STREETS.
IT'S PATHETIC.
VROOOM-

BATABATABATA-

IT'S SO OBVIOUS THAT WE'RE JUST BAITS...

EVEN THOUGH IT'S FORECASTED FOR A VILLAIN TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE HERE...

A RECONNAISSANCE HELICOPTER;;;

THEY WOULDN'T SHOW UP UNLESS THEY'RE STUPID...

BATABATABATA-
NOW THAT WE'VE PRETTY MUCH DONE WHAT WE WERE TOLD TO,
ARE WE GOING TO HEAD BACK?

HMM? WHAT'S YOUR PLAN NOW?
?!

BATABATABATA ..
WHAT, KIDDO. WHERE DID SHE GO...?

OH~ HE'S HERE. HE'S HERE.
BUT WHY IS THE TARGET ALL BY HIMSELF?

I'M SURE THAT THEY SAID THAT HE WOULD BE WITH AN ANOTHER HERO.
SLICK

"GIGGLE"
I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER.
MY JOB WILL BE OVER AS SOON AS I ROUGH HIM UP A BIT AND DRAG HIS BUTT BACK.

HUH?
HE JUST...
DID HE JUST.. MOVE A LITTLE BIT??

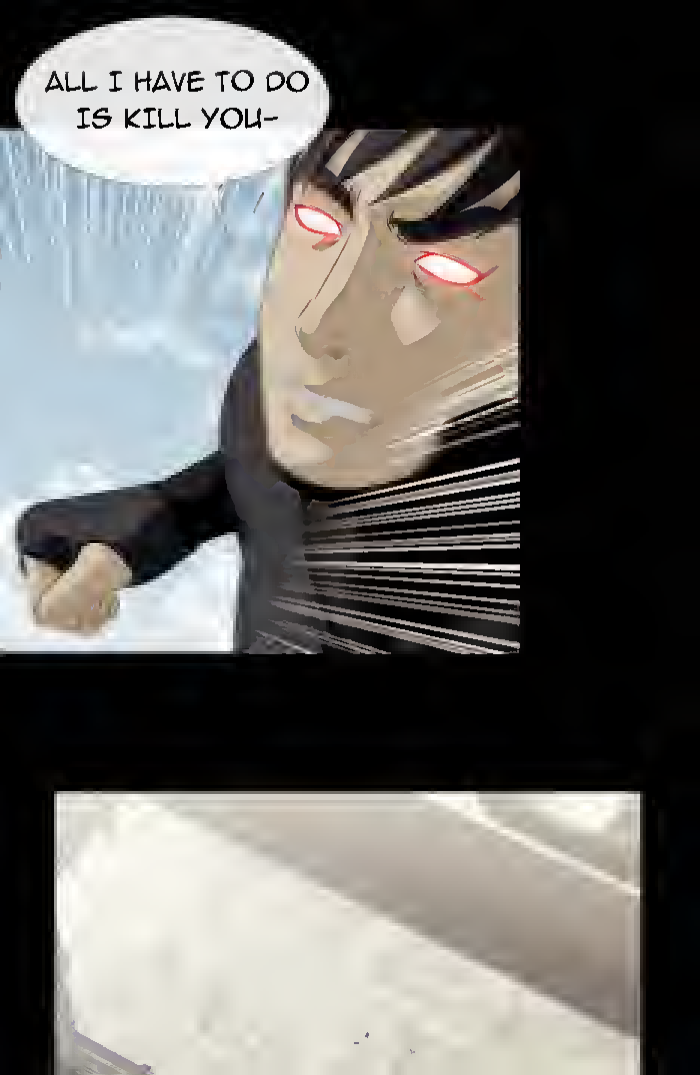
HAHA,
WHAT AM I SAYING.
A SIDEKICK CAN'T
DO THAT.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
THERE'S NO WAY
HE CAN DISPEL MY
TIME....

PAUSE...
BAM
SWING

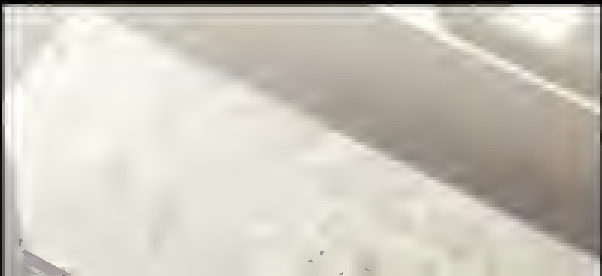
ACK!
GRAB

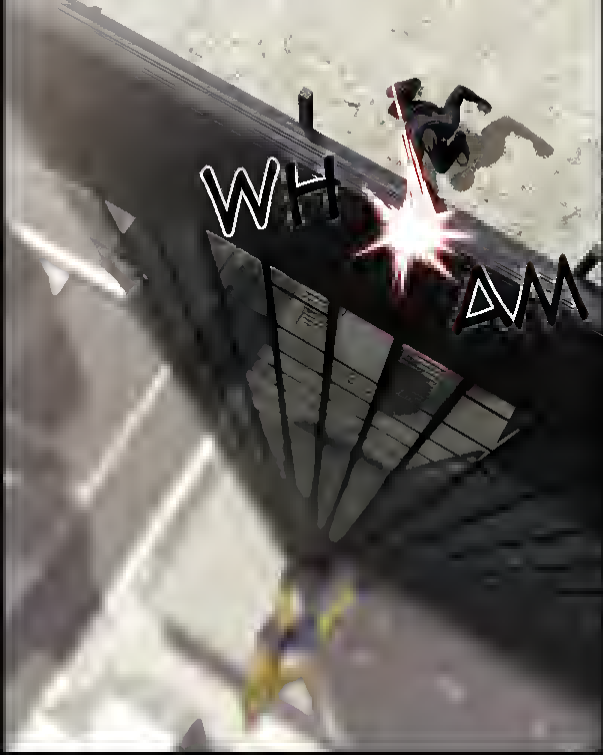
UGH
SO, YOU CAME AFTER ALL.
BUT WHY ARE YOU ALONE?

THIS BASTARD...
CLENCH
WELL. IT DOESN'T MATTER. DOES IT?


ALL I HAVE TO DO
IS KILL YOU-

SSH

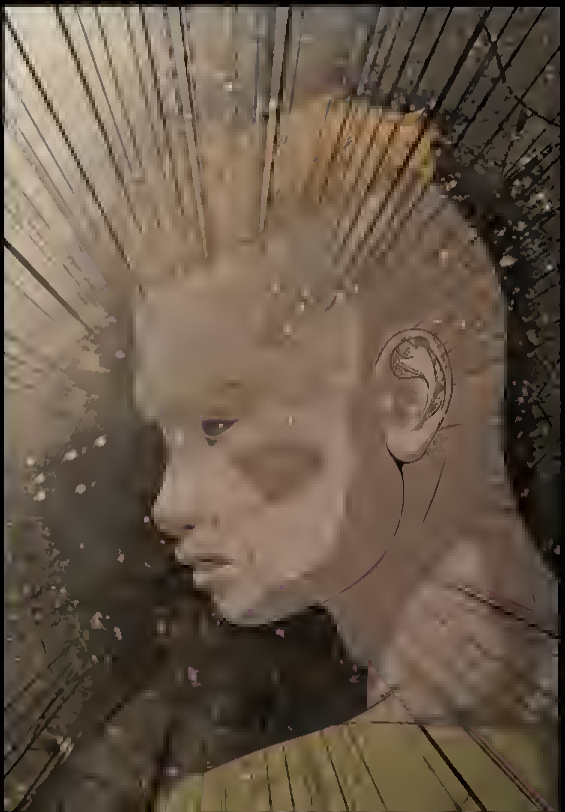



WH
AM

BOOM

KABABABABAM

CRASH
THUMP



KA

ROW

!!
WOOSH-

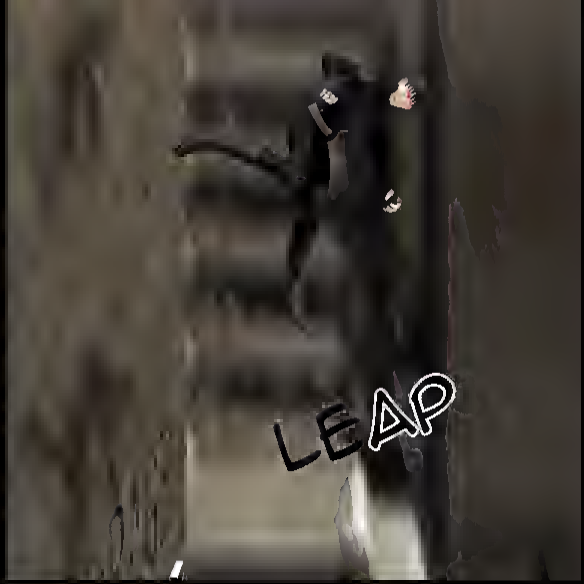
THUMP

ZING

HOLD IT!!
SSH

IT...IT WASN'T
A COINCIDENCE.

MY POWERS DON'T WORK ON HIM!

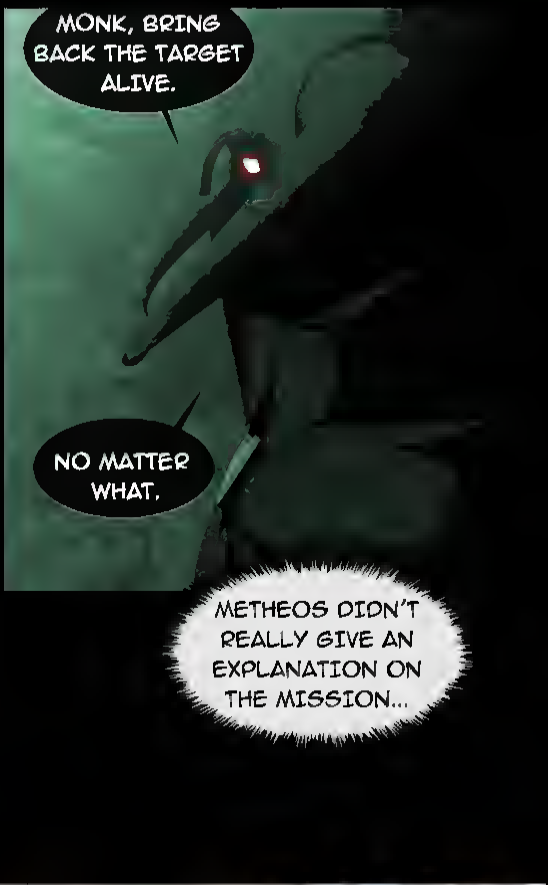

LEAP

CRACK

GRAB
TAP

WHAM

I SHOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM FOR BEING A SIDEKICK!
SO, THERE WAS A REASON THAT HE'S THE TARGET, HUH?


MONK, BRING BACK THE TARGET ALIVE.
NO MATTER WHAT.
METHEOS DIDN'T REALLY GIVE AN EXPLANATION ON THE MISSION...

THINGS WOULD BE SO MUCH EASIER IF I COULD JUST KILL HIM, BUT-
IT'S NOT GONNA BE EASY BY MYSELF. LOOKS LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO CALL FOR BACK UP...

KABABAM
SSH

I'M POSITIVE HE JUST CALLED BLACKHOUND HIS "TARGET".

AND HE SHOWED UP AS IF HE KNEW THAT WE'D BE COMING.
AND IF THIS REALLY WAS A TRAP, I DON'T THINK HE WOULD HAVE COME HERE BY HIMSELF.

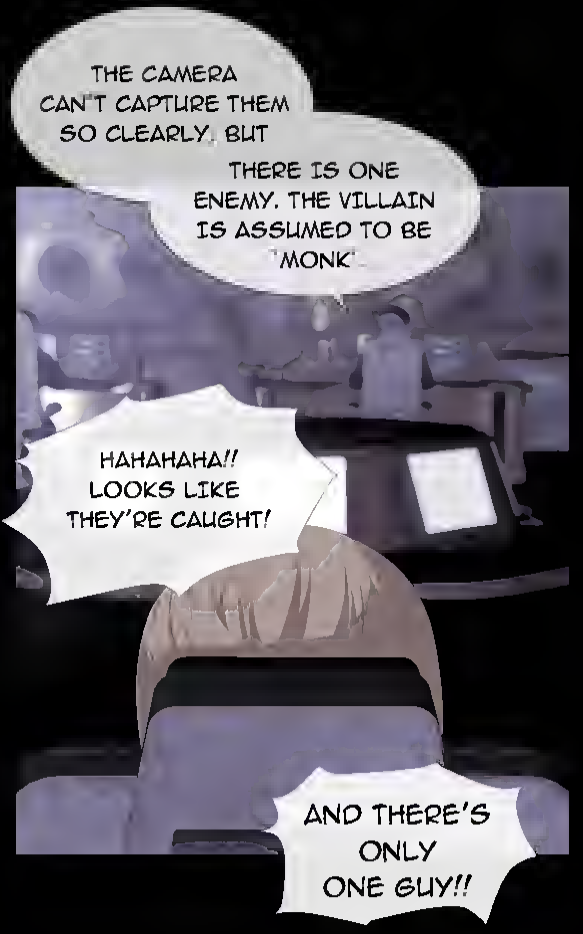
IF THEY'RE GOING TO KEEP FIGHTING ONE ON ONE...
HE WON'T BE DEFEATED SO EASILY.

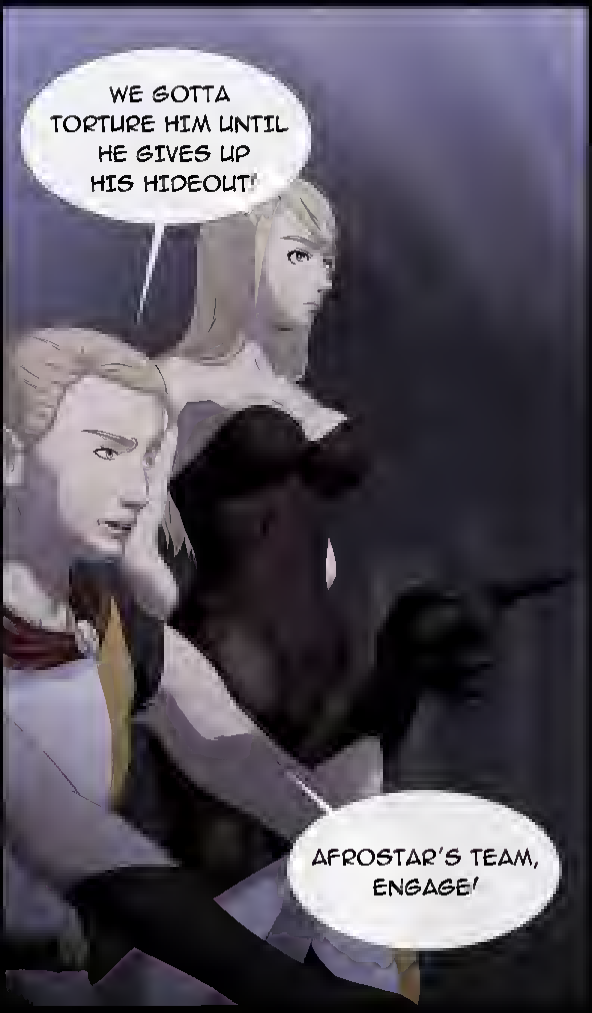
HANG IN THERE FOR A LITTLE LONGER!
LEAP

THIS ISN'T JUST A SIMPLE TRAP. THERE'S GOT TO BE AN ULTERIOR PLOT HERE.
I HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!!

WHIRRRRR-

LIMPID'S TEAM
HAS STARTED
A BATTLE


THE CAMERA CAN'T CAPTURE THEM SO CLEARLY. BUT
THERE IS ONE ENEMY. THE VILLAIN IS ASSUMED TO BE "MONK"
HAHAHAHA!! LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE CAUGHT!
AND THERE'S ONLY ONE GUY!!


WE GOTTA TORTURE HIM UNTIL HE GIVES UP HIS HIDEOUT!
AFROSTAR'S TEAM, ENGAGE!

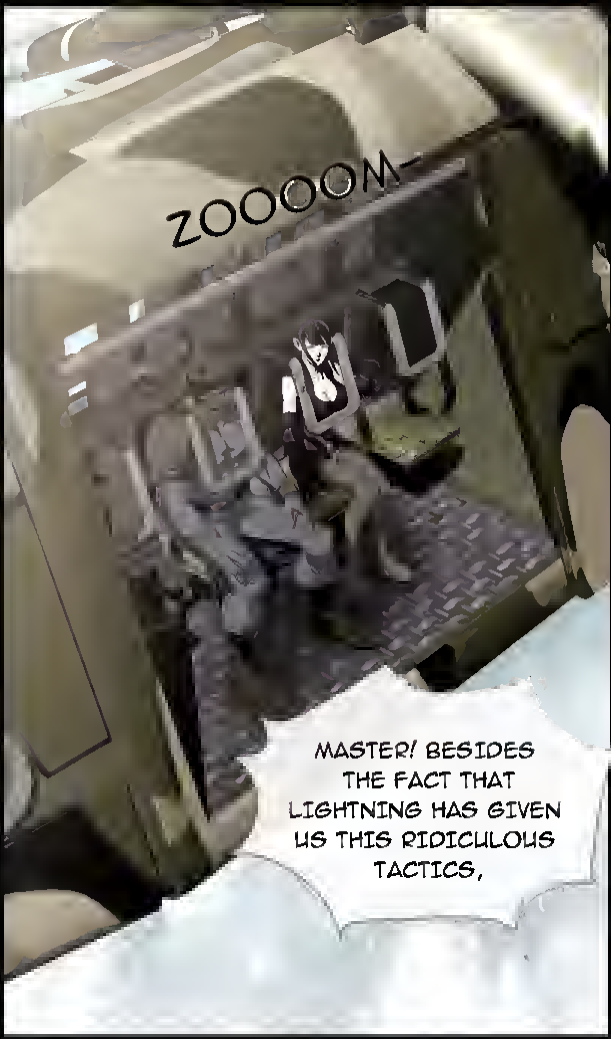
LIGHTNING! AREN'T WE GOING TO ENTER THE BATTLE?

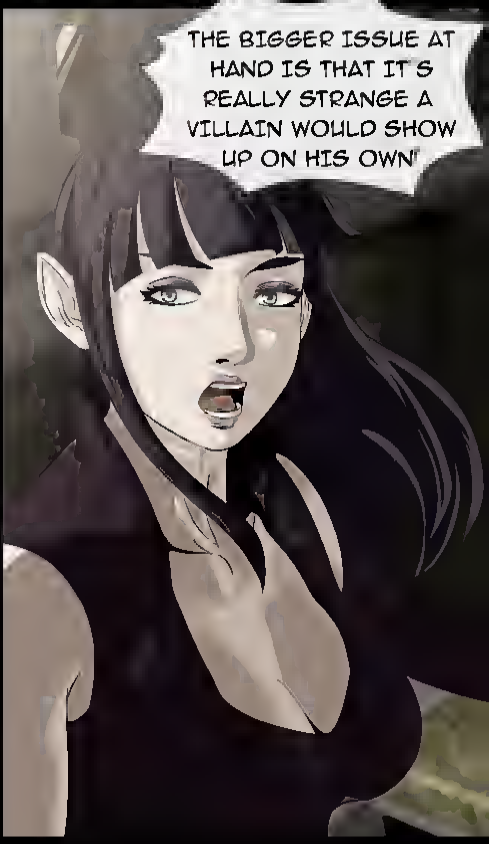
C'MON~ THIS VALUABLE BODY WON'T NEED TO MOVE JUST TO CAPTURE ONE MEASLEY RUNT.

AM I RIGHT?
AHH!
SLAP
HAHAHAHA!!

ZOOOOM-

AFROSTAR! WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE ORDERS TO ENGAGE.
PFFT-
TEN SECONDS TILL DROP!!


ZOOOOM-
MASTER! BESIDES THE FACT THAT LIGHTNING HAS GIVEN US THIS RIDICULOUS TACTICS,


THE BIGGER ISSUE AT HAND IS THAT IT'S REALLY STRANGE A VILLAIN WOULD SHOW UP ON HIS OWN!

WELL.
IT'S AN ORDER. SO
WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE
BUT TO FOLLOW
IT FOR NOW!
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT TOO MUCH
AND JUST TRUST ME.
SUCCU!

MAYBE THE ONES WHO THREW THE BAIT WERE
THEM AND NOT US
.....

DROP!
I'LL JUMP FIRST SO FOLLOW AFTER!
YES, MASTER!
SHOOOOOOSH-

KA

BA

BA

BAM

UGH!
WHAT THE?!!
!!
RUMBLE

SWOOOM-

SWOOOM

SWOOOM_

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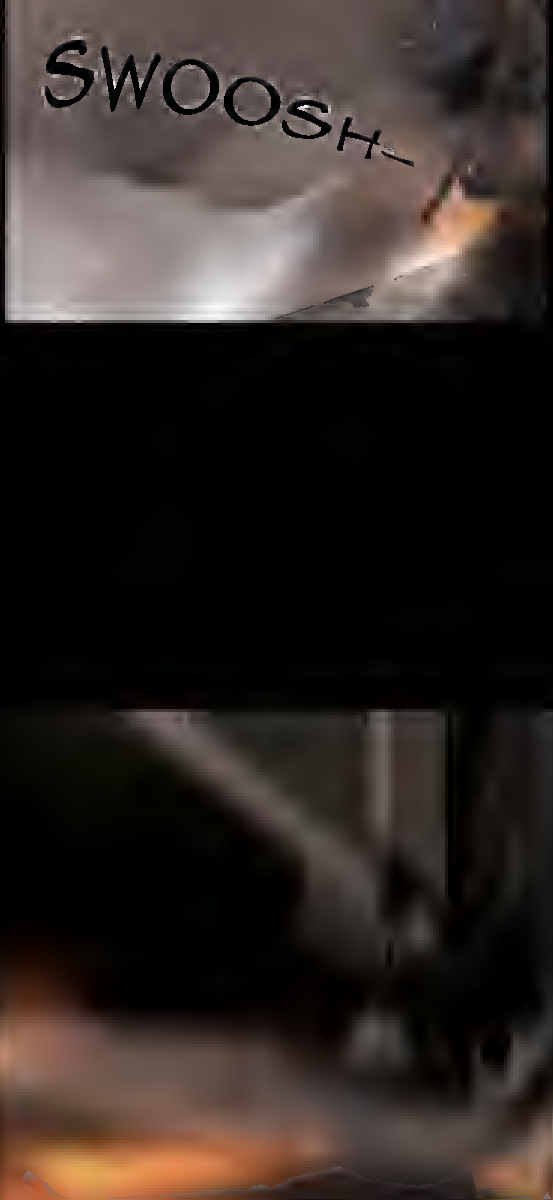
SWOOSH—

SWOOSH-
CRAP! WHAT IS THAT?!!

KA
BOOM

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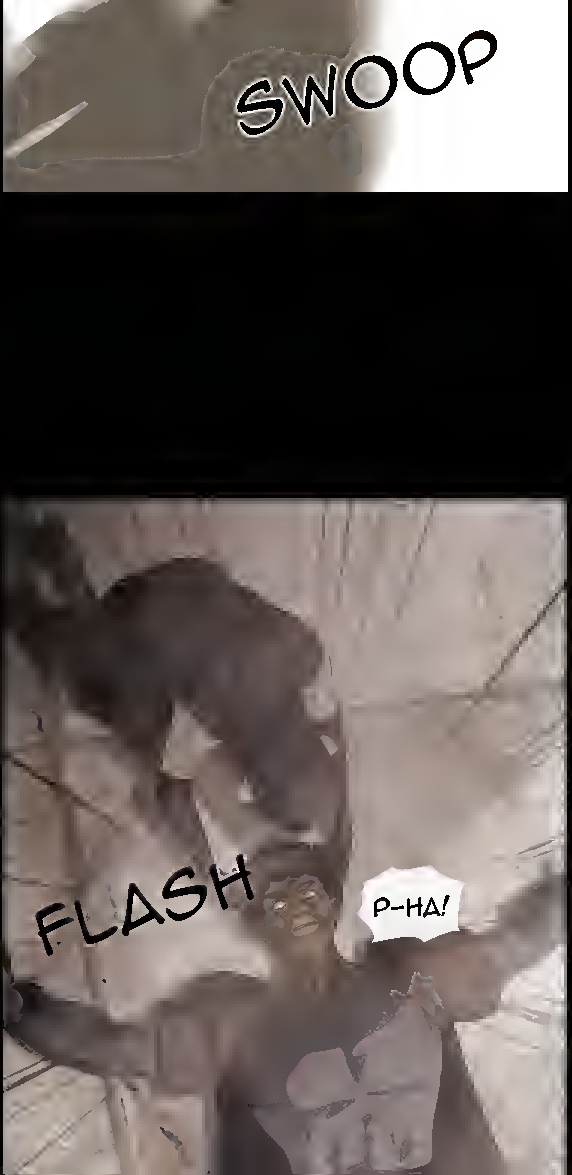
UH...
SSH

UGH.
WHERE
AM I...?

DID I PASS OUT BECAUSE OF JUST THAT MUCH OF ATTACK?
SSSSH-
THAT'S SHAMEFUL OF ME AS A HERO.

MASTER!
SWOOP


SWOOP
FLASH
P-HA!

OH, SUCCU. THANKS.
ARE YOU OKAY, MASTER?

OH..YEAH...
I'M ALRIGHT.

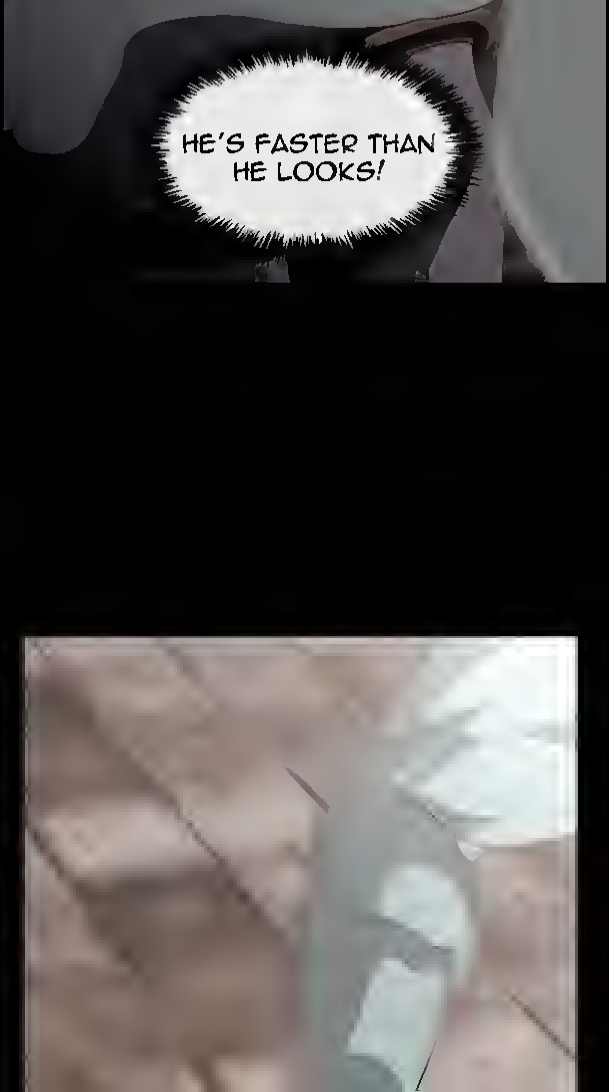
THUMP

ARE YOU THE GUY? THE ONE WHO MADE THE AIRCRAFT CRASH??

I COVERED THE COCKPIT RIGHT BEFORE I FELL, BUT...
WE STILL HAVE TO GO CHECK FOR ANY SURVIVORS!
YES, MASTER!

CRACK
CRACK
TRAMP
TRAMP
TRAMP

POW—


HE'S FASTER THAN
HE LOOKS!

WOOSH-
THE FUR ON HIS FEET

ARE TURNING SHARP...?!!
SLASH-

TZZT-
WE CAN'T GET A CLEAR VIEW OF AFROSTAR'S TEAM, BUT
TZZZZT-
IT SEEMS THAT THEY ARE FACING THE VILLAIN WHO CRASHED THE AIRCRAFT DOWN!

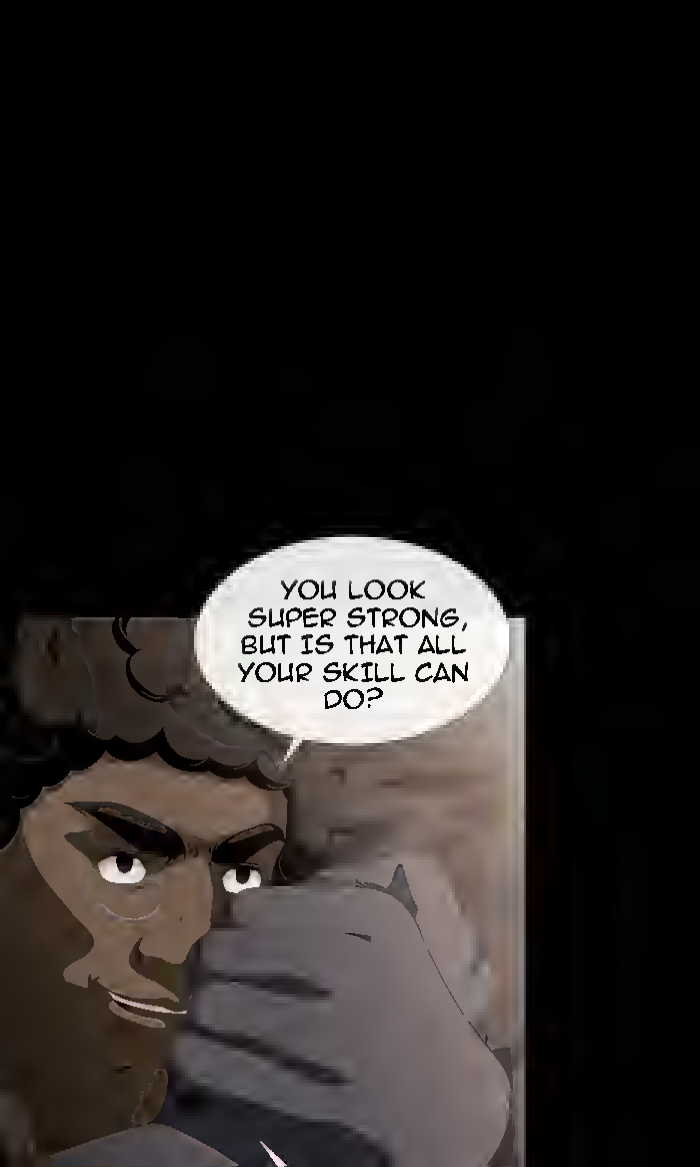
DON'T YOU THINK THE VILLAINS KNEW THAT AFROSTAR'S TEAM WOULD BE SENT THERE?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT WAS JUST BY CHANCE THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS DETECTED
WHAT'S THE USE OF COMING UP WITH BRILLIANT PLANS?

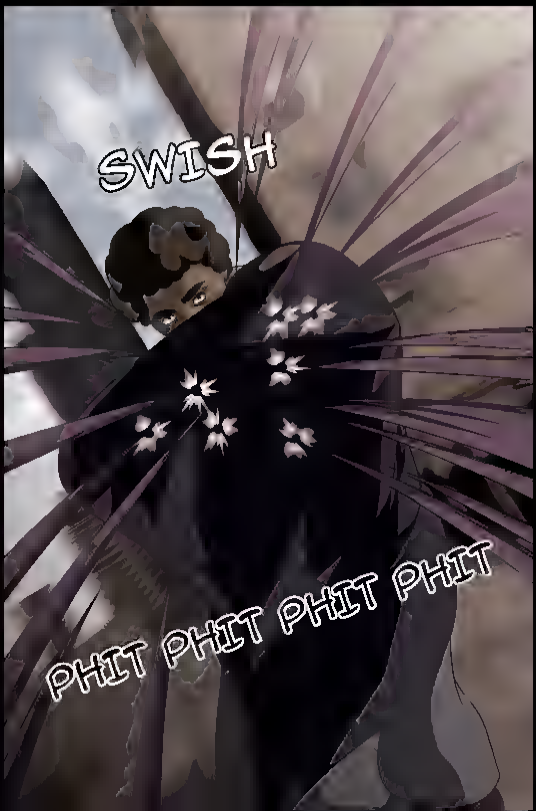
WHEN THE ONES EXECUTING THE PLANS ARE THOSE MORONS. TSK TSK-
USELESS. SO USELESS.
CAN'T YOU GUYS DO ANY BETTER? C'MON!!!!!!

PHT-
SCREEEECH-

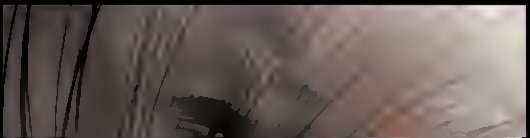
SWOOOSH


YOU LOOK SUPER STRONG, BUT IS THAT ALL YOUR SKILL CAN DO?

MAKING A MESS WITH YOUR HAIR-



SWOOSH

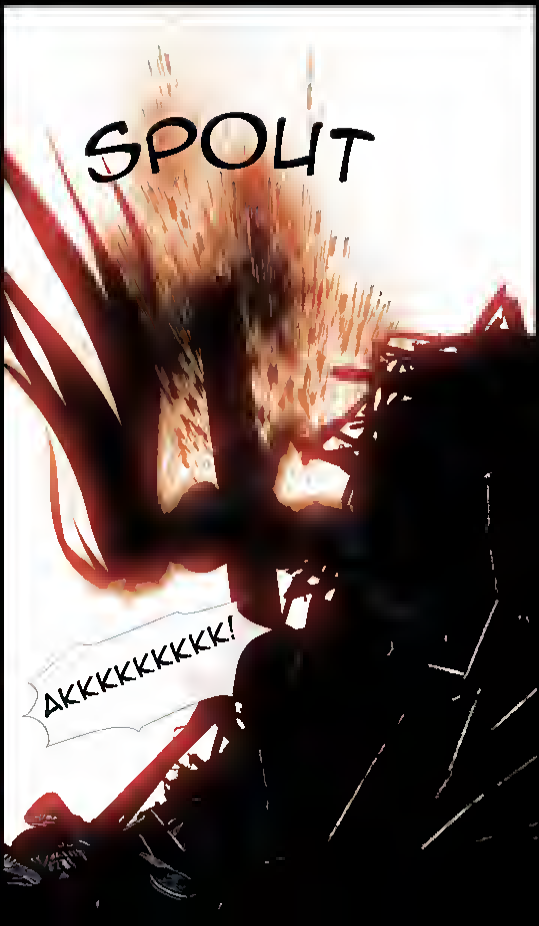


SWIRL-
CLENCH

PLOP-

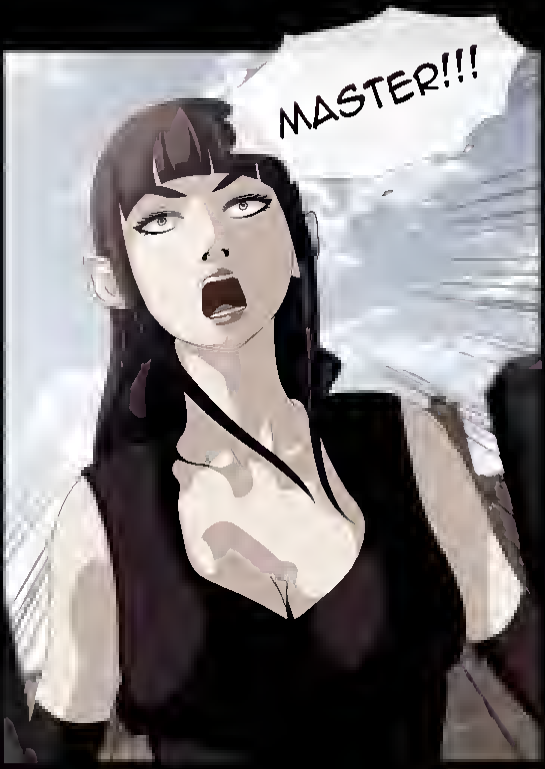
RATTLE

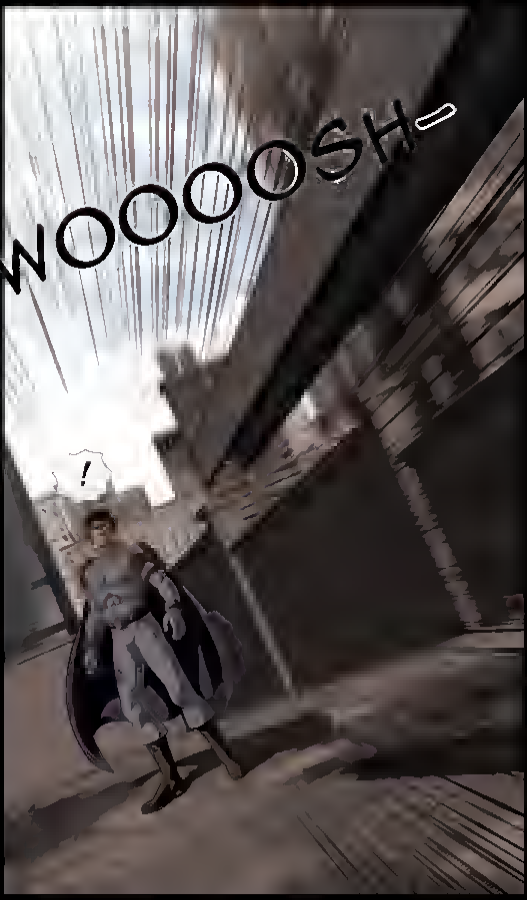
ERAHHHHH!!!!


SPOUT
AKKKKKKKKK!

WHEW-
FLAP
MASTER!

IT'S A SHAME, BUT THE PILOTS ARE ALREADY...
S#IT!
IT WAS SO SUDDEN THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO PROPERLY BLOCK THE ATTACK!!!!!


MASTER!!!


WOOOOSH—
!

THUMP
ACK-!

PSSSH-
SSSSSSH-

GRR.....
PSSSSH-

WHAT? WHAT IS THAT...?
THAT'S NOT AN ORDINARY HEALING ABILITY OF A SUPERBLIC.

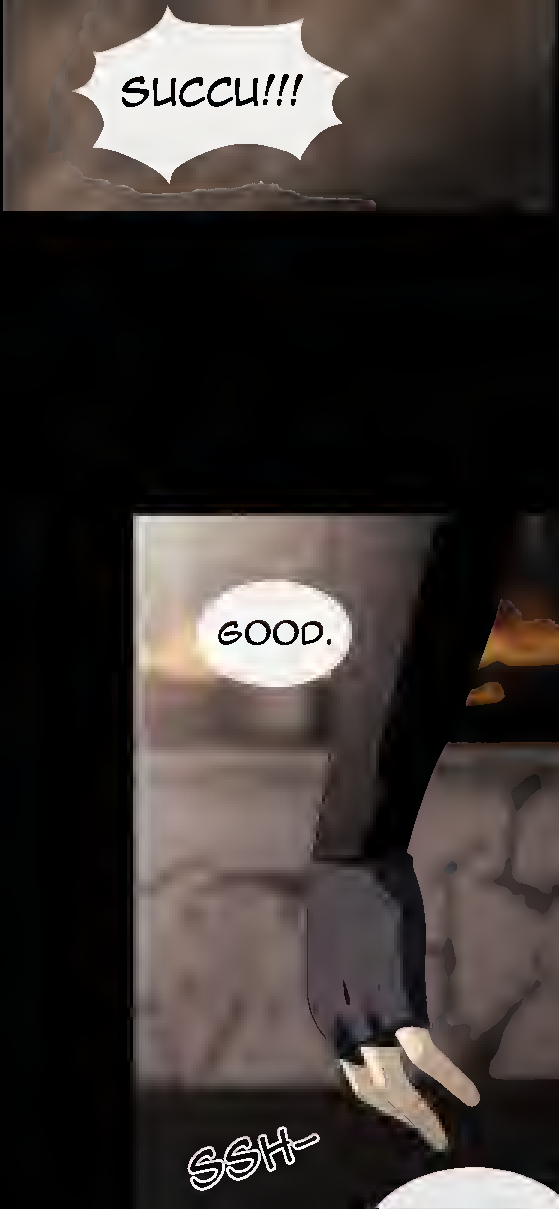
A REGENERATION SKILL- WITH SUCH A PRETTY HIGH LEVEL TECHNIQUE!!
BUT HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE HIM USE TWO DIFFERENT SKILLS WITHOUT A HERO'S ROBE?!

SUCCU!
GET AWAY!! IT'S NOT SOMEONE YOU CAN DEAL WITH!
PLOD
SUCCU!!
PLOD

WHAT...?
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE TIME HAS STOPPED RIGHT NOW...?

BAM
!!

WHAM-


SUCCU!!!
GOOD.
SSH-

SO, THAT WILL BE TWO DOWN.
I ALMOST COULDN'T MAKE IT HERE.
IF THE NEWBIE DIDN'T COME TO HELP ME IN TIME.

TRAMP

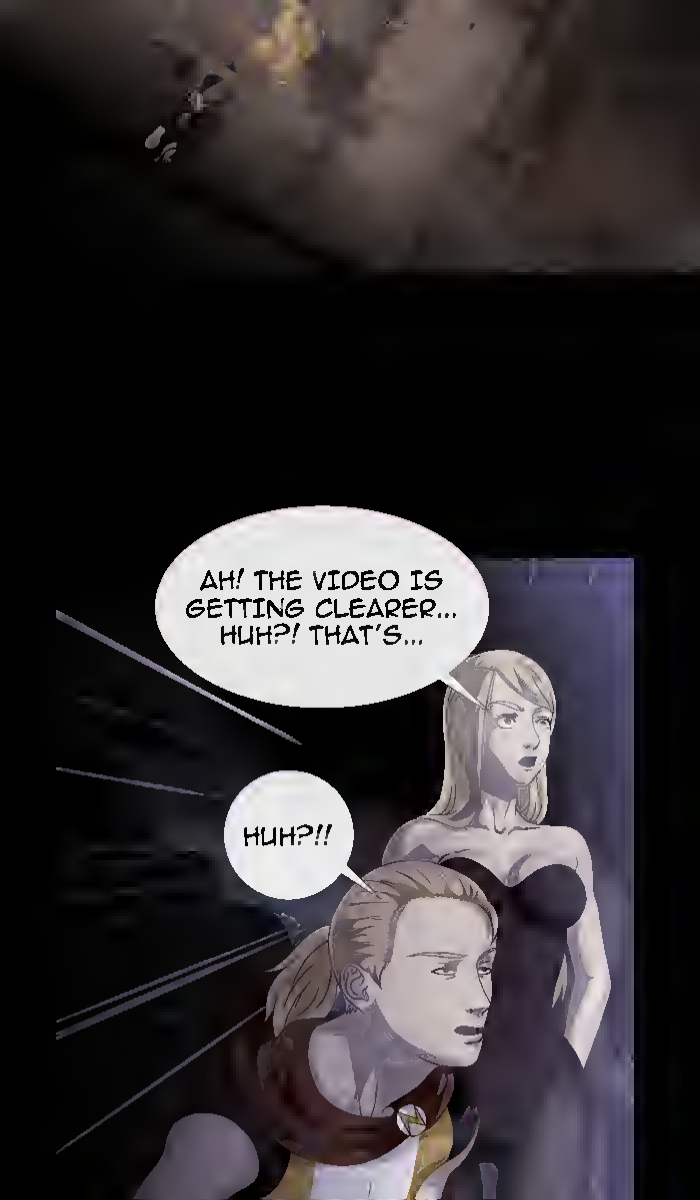
OUR ROOKIE BECAME SUPER STRONG. THREE ON ONE WILL BE TOO MUCH, RIGHT?

ALTHOUGH YOU'RE A HERO, RIGHT? HAHA-

FLOP
ISN'T THAT BLACKHOUND IN LIMPID'S TEAM?

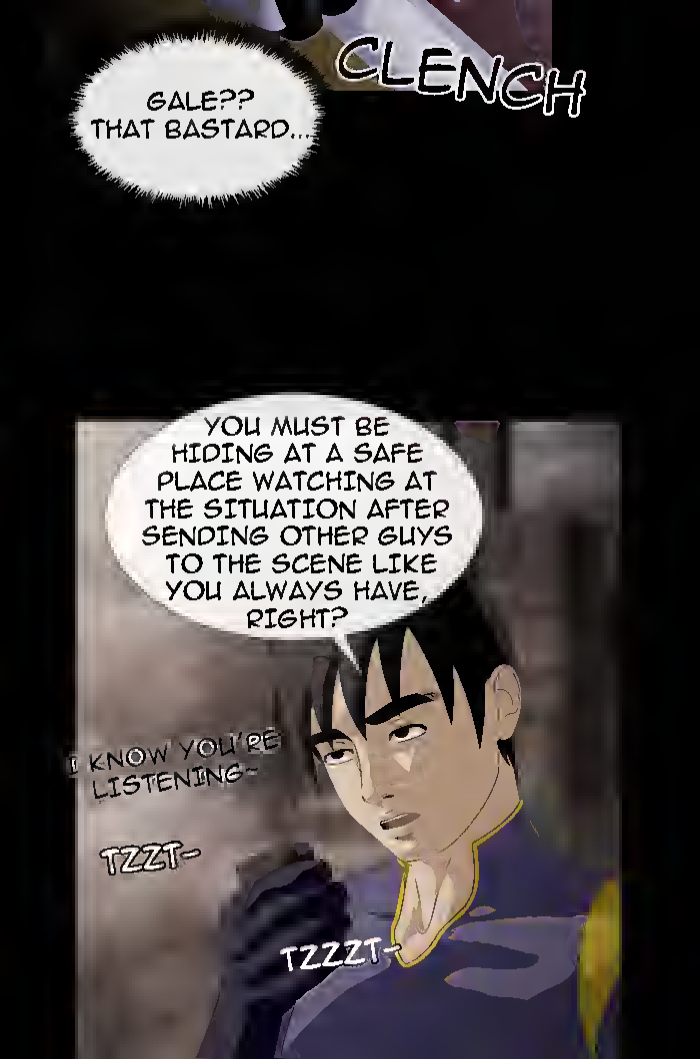
DOES THAT MEAN EVEN LIMPID HAS BEEN DEFEATED?!!

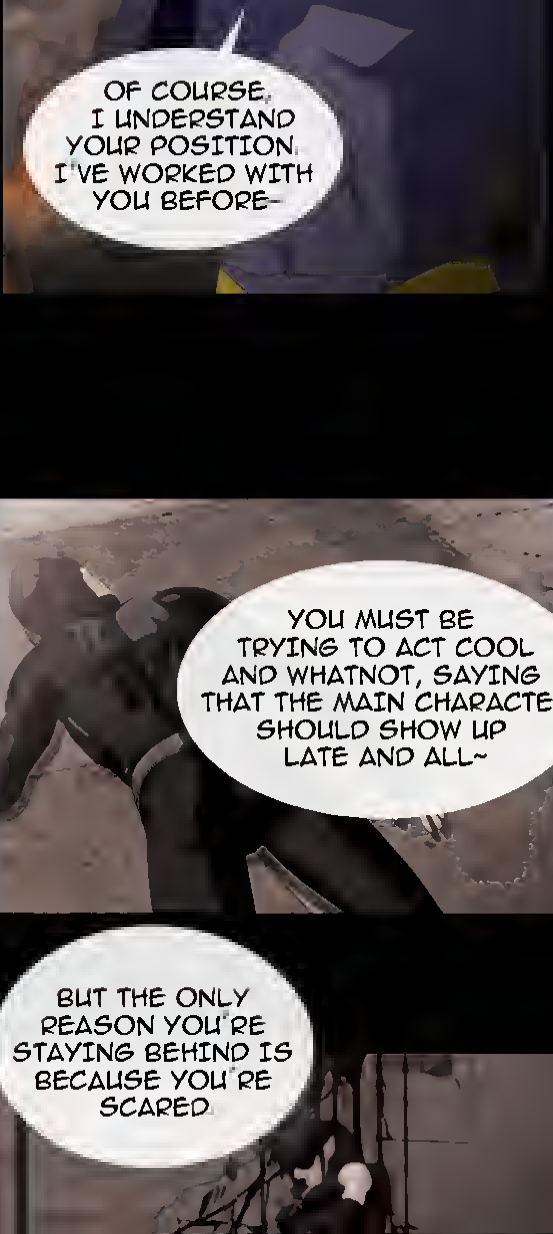
WAIT,
HOLD ON-


AH! THE VIDEO IS GETTING CLEARER... HUH?! THAT'S...
HUH?!!

TZZT-
TZZZZT-
THIS IS THE RADIO FROM THE AIRCRAFT. I THINK WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONNECT TO THE COMMITTEE SITUATION CENTER.
TZZZT-

TZZT-
I DON'T THINK IT'S BROKEN...
HELLO HELLO- IS THERE SOMEONE NAMED LIGHTNING LISTENING OVER THERE?


CLENCH
GALE?? THAT BASTARD...
YOU MUST BE HIDING AT A SAFE PLACE WATCHING AT THE SITUATION AFTER SENDING OTHER GUYS TO THE SCENE LIKE YOU ALWAYS HAVE, RIGHT?
I KNOW YOU'RE LISTENING-
TZZT-
TZZZT-

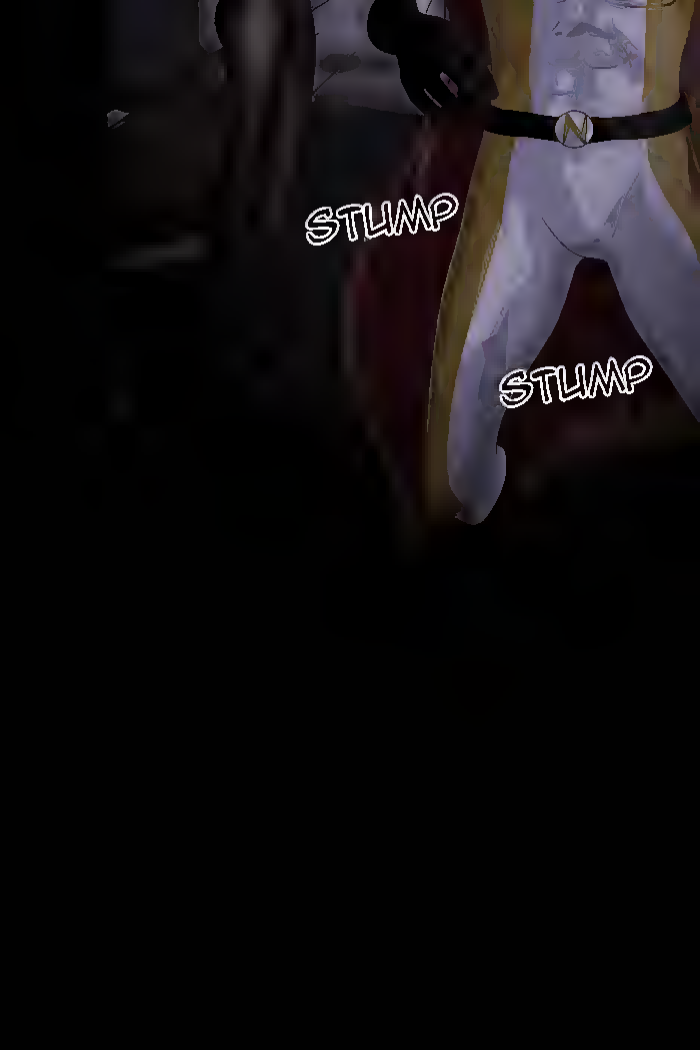

OF COURSE, I UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION. I'VE WORKED WITH YOU BEFORE~
YOU MUST BE TRYING TO ACT COOL AND WHATNOT, SAYING THAT THE MAIN CHARACTER SHOULD SHOW UP LATE AND ALL~
BUT THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE STAYING BEHIND IS BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARED

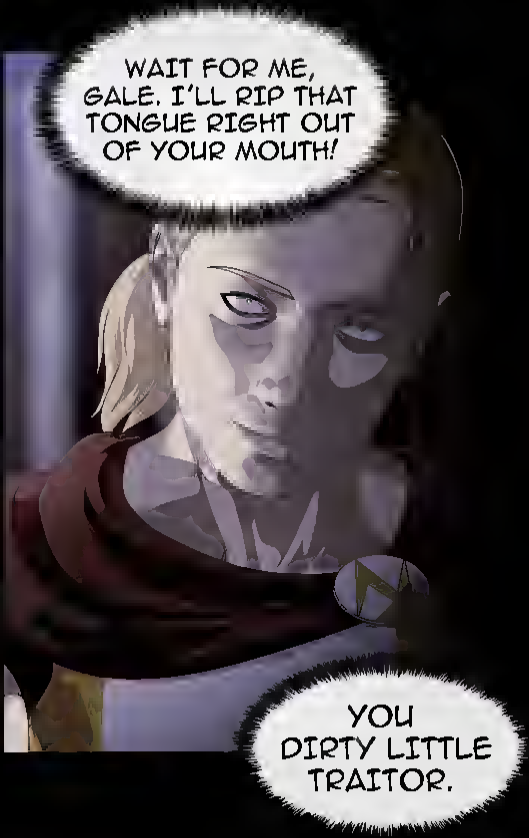
YOU'RE THE WORST OF ALL THE HEROES IN HISTORY.

YOU'RE ONE WEAK LITTLE COWARD PIECE OF SH*T.
NOW I'LL SLOWLY START KILLING OFF YOUR COLLEAGUES.
YOU ARROGANT LITTLE BASTARD.

OH, I GUESS IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER TO YOU. THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS TO YOU IS YOUR SURVIVAL, RIGHT?
YEA, IT'S PROBABLY BETTER THAT YOU RUN AWAY RIGHT NOW. UNLESS YOU WANT TO DIE BY MY HANDS.

IS HE...TAUNTING US ON PURPOSE? FOR HIM TO COME OUT?
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!! GET MY AIR BIKE READY!
WHAT?!!


STUMP
STUMP


WAIT FOR ME, GALE. I'LL RIP THAT TONGUE RIGHT OUT OF YOUR MOUTH!
YOU DIRTY LITTLE TRAITOR.

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THREE ON ONE IS TOO MUCH, ISN'T IT?
ALTHOUGH YOU ARE A HERO "GIGGLE"

NOTHING IS TOO MUCH IN A BATTLE. SHUT UP AND JUST BRING IT ON

YOU JUST FIGHT WITH WHAT YOU'VE GOT, THAT'S ALL
BE IT THREE OR FOUR-

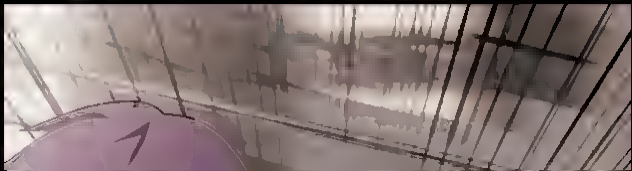
!!
RUMBLE-
WOBBLE-
HELP!
Skill
EARTHQUAKE

DASH
ACKK
CRUMBLE-

WHAM

DASH

RUMBLE



CLENCH

RUMBLE-
I DON'T LIKE YOU LOOKING DOWN ON ME-
RUMBLE-

Skill of the cape
GIANT
KOOOSH

KOOOOOOOOSH...

WHEW-
IT'S BETTER
NOW.

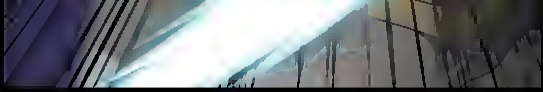
SWOOP-

YOU THINK I'M STUPID?!!
GRAB

I'M SURE THERE WAS ONE MORE GUY.
WHERE DID HE GO?

POP

SLASH



SIDEKICKS

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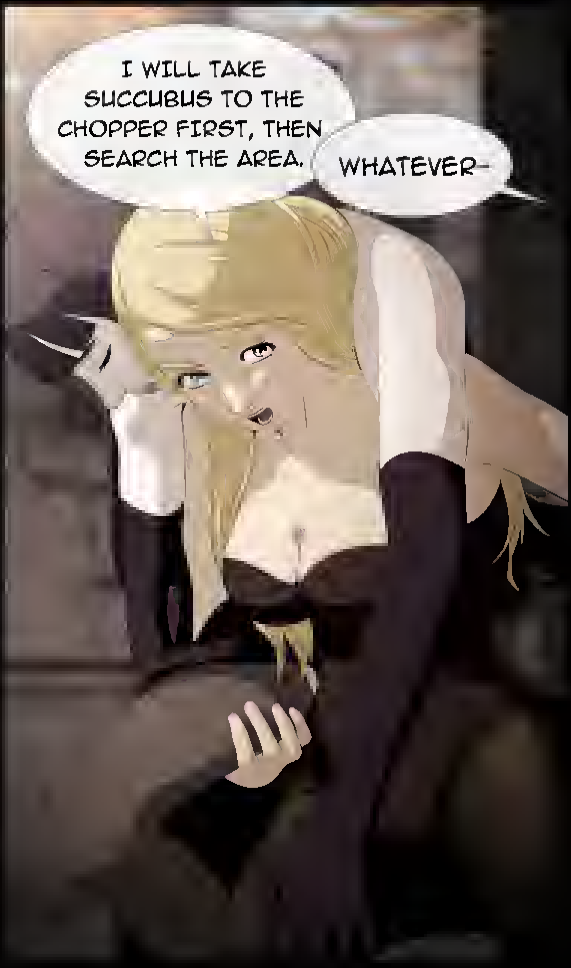
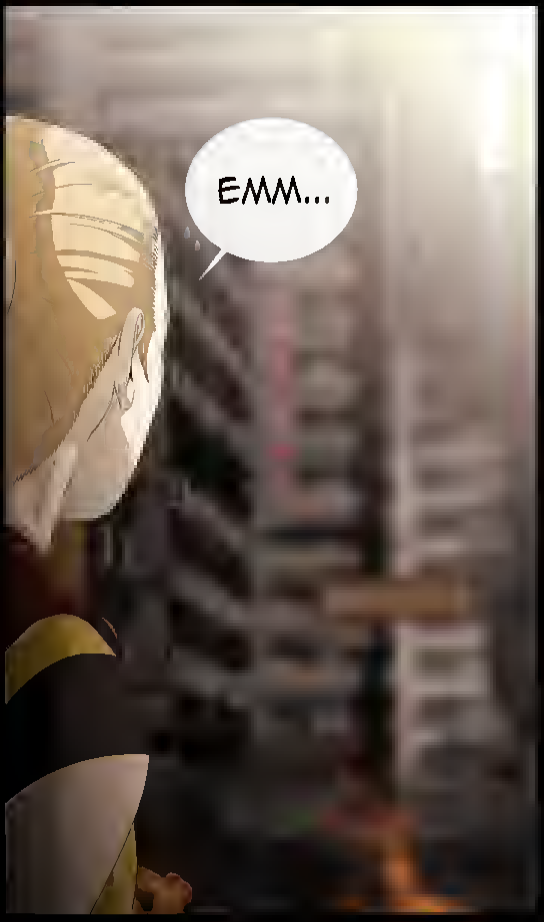
WADDLE
WADDLE
AH~ THIS IS RIDICULOUS.

ACK- WHAT IS THIS!!
DAMN IT. AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A HERO- TSK TSK-

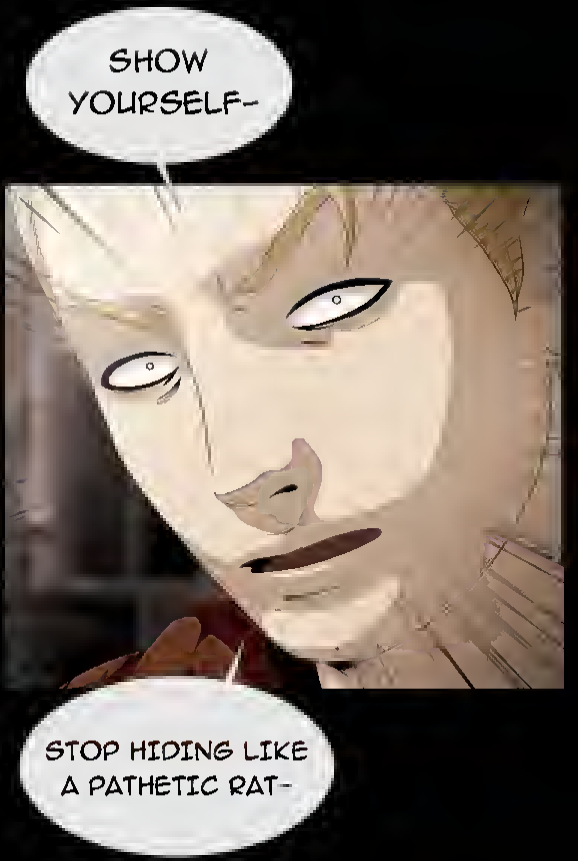
OVER HERE!
THE SIDEKICK IS
STILL ALIVE!!

DARN- WHY ISN'T THE LITTLE KID HERE?
IS HE DEAD IN SOME CORNER SOMEWHERE?
WHERE'S THEO?


I WILL TAKE SUCCUBUS TO THE CHOPPER FIRST, THEN SEARCH THE AREA.
WHATEVER-


EMM...

GIGGLE
I THOUGHT THAT I'D NEVER SEE YOU EVER AGAIN.


SHOW YOURSELF-
STOP HIDING LIKE A PATHETIC RAT-

WOOOOOOSH-

TRAMP-

TRAMP-
TRAMP-

WHAT A SURPRISE. A COWARD LIKE YOURSELF ACTUALLY SHOWED UP, HUH?
AH~ WERE YOU HOPING THAT THE OTHER HEROES HAD ALMOST DEFEATED US SO YOU COULD BUZZ IN AND TAKE UP THE GLORIOUS PART?

THIS IS WHY I KEEP SAYING THAT WE MUST TREAT OUR SIDEKICKS LIKE CRAP-
ALL THEY THINK ABOUT IS THEIR TROUBLES AND DON'T CARE TO THANK US FOR GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY...

SHUT IT!
I'M GOING TO PAY
YOU BACK TEN FOLD!!
SLASH

HAHA-
YOUR STUPID WIND
SKILLS WON'T...

SWOOSH

...???
WHAT THE?
SLICK
GALE... I'M SURE HIS SKILL WAS A WIND BLAST...

SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
THAT STUPID SON OF A B*TCH...!!

POW-
UGH!

WHAT... WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
WHAT IS THIS OVERWHELMING SPEED AND POWER? HOW DID THIS BASTARD...?!

GRAB
DON'T BE SO SURPRISED

I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED YET.

AH! AH!
SWING-

CRACK

YOU
CRAZY
LITTLE...

WHAM

CRASH-
CRASH-

CRASH—

THUMP

WHAM

BAM
BAM
BAM

BAM
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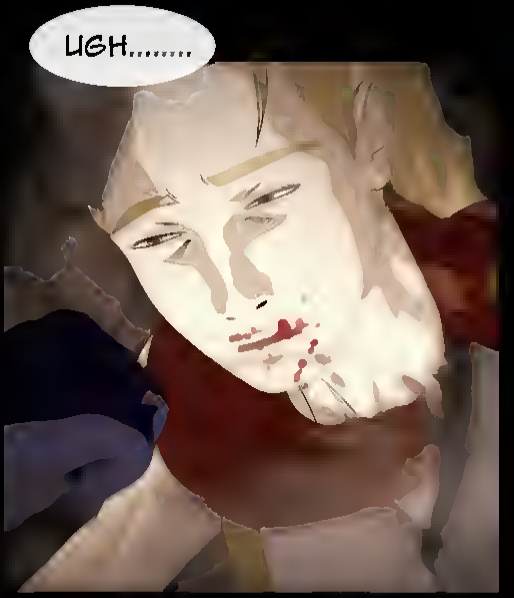
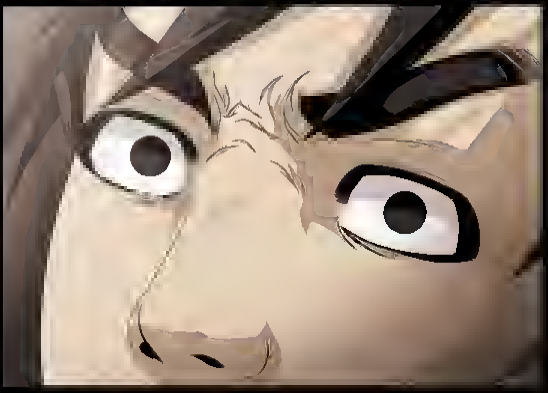

UGH.....

CREAK—

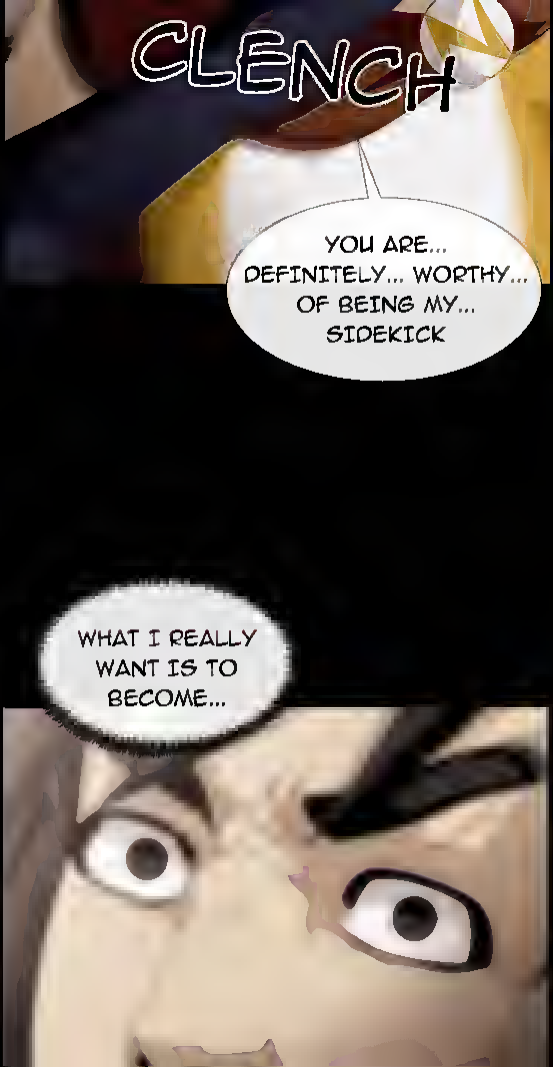
CRACK-

KA
BOOM



GALE, DON'T GET SO ANXIOUS.
I WILL MAKE SURE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GETS TO KILL LIGHTNING-
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT.

WHAT I REALLY WANT IS...
GA...GALE. YOU...YOU'VE BECOME SO STRONG...


CLENCH
YOU ARE... DEFINITELY... WORTHY... OF BEING MY... SIDEKICK
WHAT I REALLY WANT IS TO BECOME...

A HERO.

I...I STILL HAVE SO MUCH TO TEACH ...YOU.

GA...GALE...

Skill of the cave
GRAVITY CONTROL

KA
BAM

SHOOOOOOSH-
M...
MAS...TER...

I TOLD YOU
NOT TO HESITATE...
SPLAT

WHEN YOUR ENEMY IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

COUGH
IN A SUPERBLIC BATTLE, THE OUTCOME COULD CHANGE AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT.

THIS IS
THE LAST LESSON
YOUR RIGHTEOUS
MASTER WILL
GIVE YOU.

YOU CAN REMIND YOURSELF OF THE PREVIOUS LESSONS...
IN HELL.

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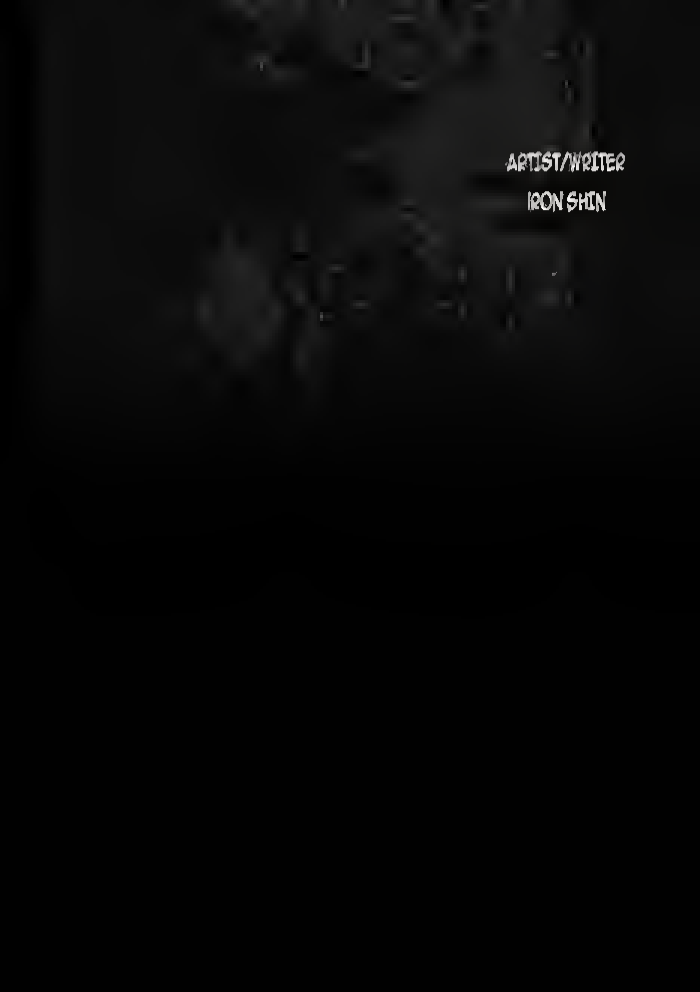
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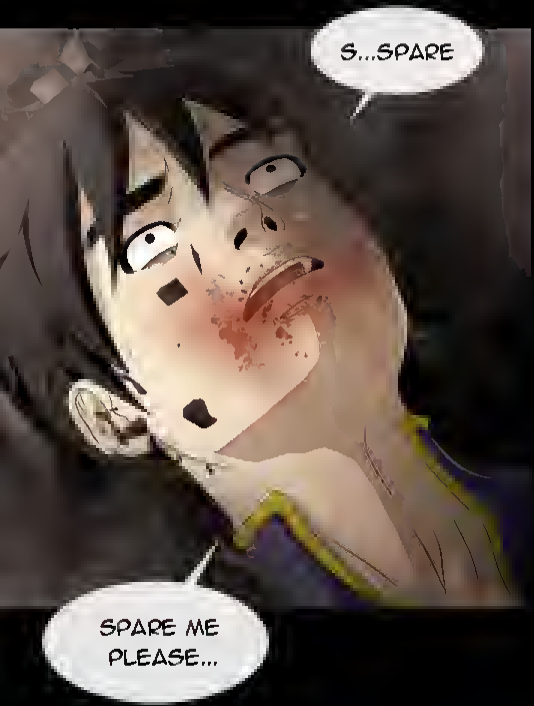
SWOOOOOOOOSH~

MA...

MASTER...


S...SPARE
SPARE ME PLEASE...

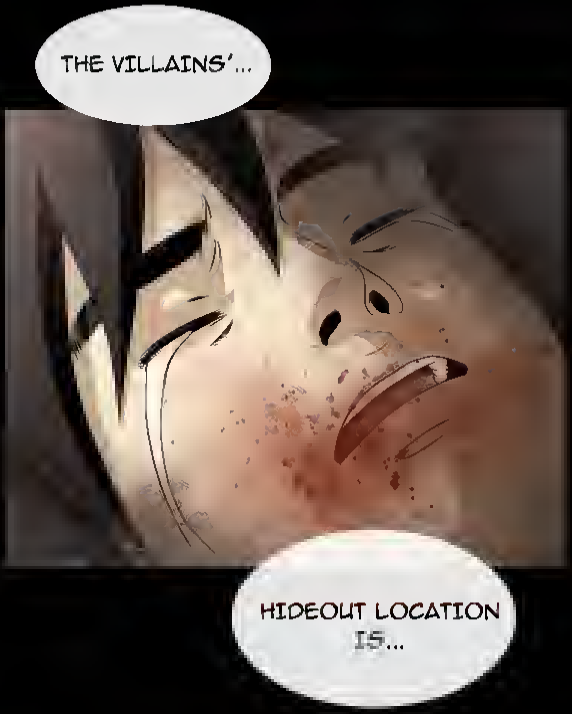
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST WENT TO THE UNDERCORE AS INSTRUCTED AFTER YOU WERE FIRED.
BUT NO, YOU JOINED THE VILLAINS INSTEAD. YOU PIECE OF SH*T. YOU KNOW HOW MUCH CRAP I HAD TO GO THROUGH BECAUSE OF YOU?

I'M...I'M SO SORRY.
P...PLEASE... SPARE ME.

FINE. I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE SINCE I WAS ONCE YOUR MASTER.
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO LIVE,

TELL ME THE LOCATION OF THE VILLAINS' HIDEOUT.
ONLY THEN WILL I SPARE YOU.

WOW!
WOW!
WOW!


THE VILLAINS'...
HIDEOUT LOCATION IS...

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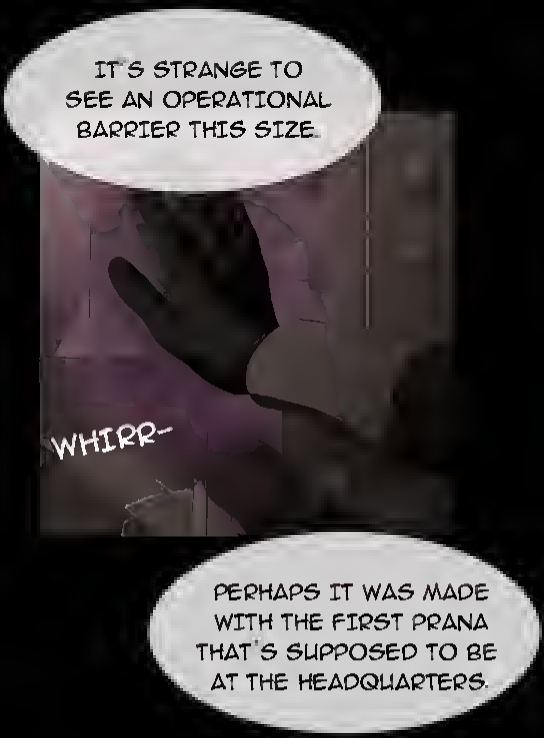

IT'S STRANGE TO SEE AN OPERATIONAL BARRIER THIS SIZE.
WHIRR-
PERHAPS IT WAS MADE WITH THE FIRST PRANA THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE HEADQUARTERS.

NOT SURE...
ALTHOUGH I'M THE SECRETARY GENERAL, BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT THAT I DON'T KNOW.
ONLY THE TOP NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE REALLY KNOW THE INNER WORKINGS.

I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE...
I DON'T THINK WE CAN JUST SIT AROUND ANY LONGER...
I NEED... WINE...
HEY DARKSLUG, YOU THINK YOU CAN BREAK DOWN THIS BARRIER?

WHAT FOR? IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW.
HAVE SOME FAITH AND SIT TIGHT.

HAVE FAITH? IN WHO?
I'M SURE THAT PIETRO HAS ALREADY PROMOTED LIGHTNING.

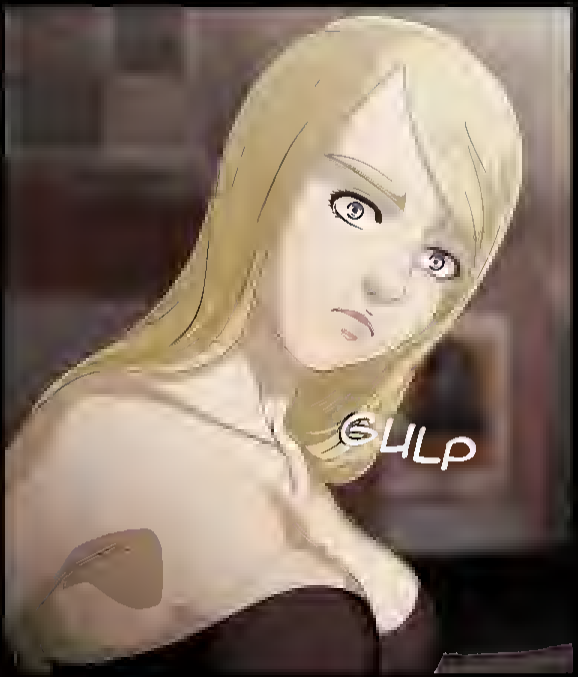
NO, NOT THAT LIGHTNING IDIOT.
WHO IS SUPPOSED TO REPLACE HEROES WHEN THEY ARE UNABLE TO STEP UP?
WELL, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE A LITTLE STUPID AND OVERLY RIGHTEOUS, BUT-

I'VE ALWAYS TRUSTED THEM AND LEFT EVERYTHING UP TO THEM.
ISN'T THAT WHY THEY ARE AROUND HEROES?

THE SIDEKICKS.
TIP- TAP-

I DON'T SEE BLACKHOUND...
AND LIMPID SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DEFEATED SO EASILY EITHER.

THIS IS WEIRD.
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE FLOWING ALONG SO UNNATURALLY...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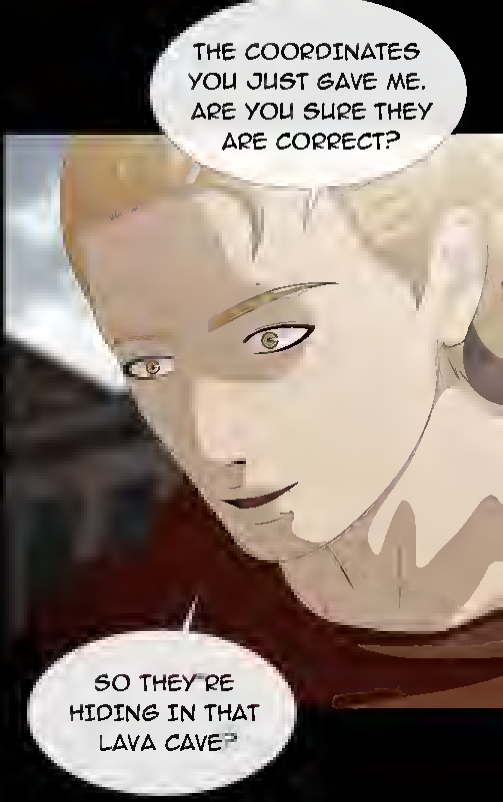
HEY, GALE!
GET IT TOGETHER!!!


THE COORDINATES YOU JUST GAVE ME. ARE YOU SURE THEY ARE CORRECT?
SO THEY'RE HIDING IN THAT LAVA CAVE?

YES...
MASTER...
DAMN VILLAINS! IF YOU'RE RIGHT, THERE ARE MORE OF THEM THAN WE WERE INFORMED. HUH?

SO. THERE ARE DOZENS OF THEM AS FAR AS YOU KNOW? THINGS COULD HAVE GONE REALLY BAD.
BE... CAREFUL.
ESPECIALLY THE ONE CALLED METHEOS...

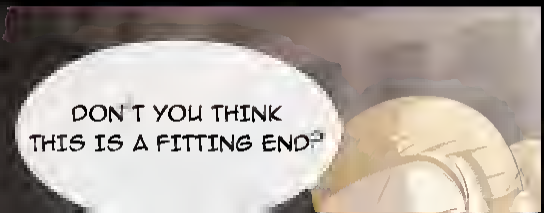
GALE!!

HANG IN THERE A LITTLE LONGER. THANKS TO YOU, WE WILL BE ABLE TO WIPE THESE BASTARDS OUT.
THANK YOU. ALTHOUGH YOU DID MAKE A MOMENTARY MISTAKE.

AS A PERSON WHO WAS ONCE ON THE RIGHTEOUS SIDE UNDER MY SUPERVISION,

YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART...

INCLUDING THE VERY LAST PART...


DON T YOU THINK
THIS IS A FITTING END?

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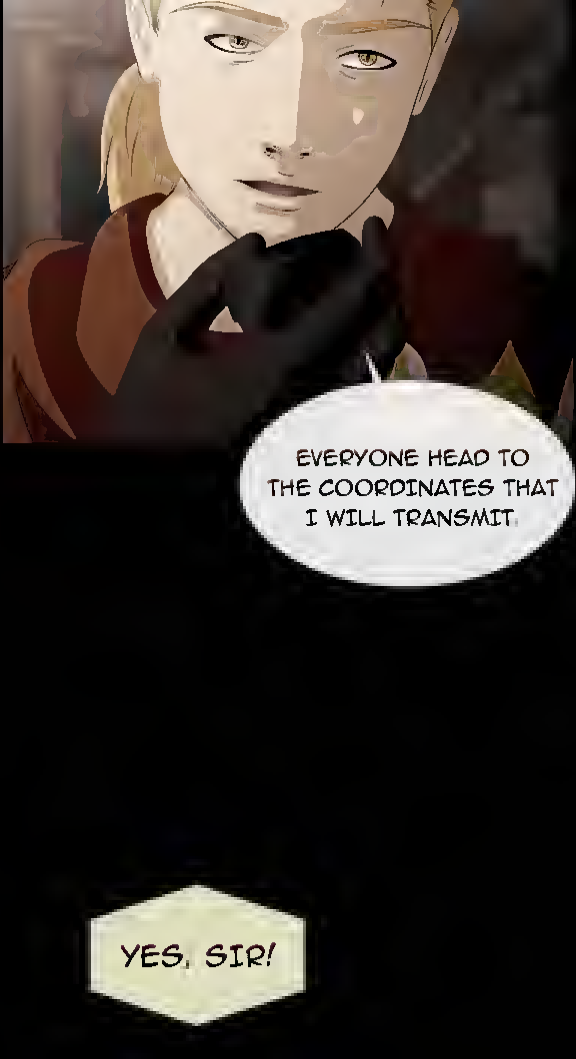
PZZZZT

SWOOOOSH-
A FITTING END FOR A PIECE OF SH*T TRAITOR LIKE YOURSELF.

GIGGLE
HOW DARE YOU STUPID A$$HOLE TURN YOUR BACK ON ME?
SITUATION ROOM. CAN YOU HEAR ME? TEMPORARY SECRETARY GENERAL LIGHTNING HERE.

I AM ACTIVATING PROTOCOLS FOR EMERGENCY LEVEL S.
AS OF THIS MOMENT, I AM CALLING IN ALL HEROES CURRENTLY NOT IN ACTIVE DUTY.


EVERYONE HEAD TO THE COORDINATES THAT I WILL TRANSMIT.
YES, SIR!

EMERGENCY LEVEL S ACTIVATED!!

HAHAHAHAHA!! IT'S DONE! NOW I JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL ALL THOSE VILLAINS ARE DEAD.

I'M THE BEST~
SOON I WILL BE THE ONE ON THE THRONE!!!

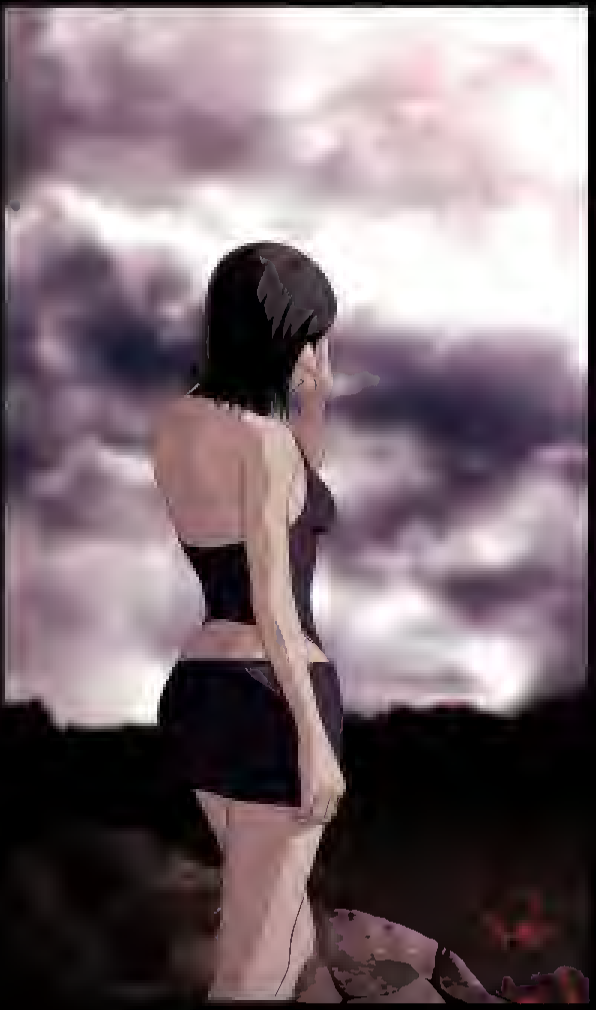
HUMMM-
!!

HUH?
WHAT THE!!!

IS THAT B*TCH CRAZY? HOW DARE SHE STEAL A HERO'S AIR-BIKE!!
HEY!! GET OFF THAT THIS INSTANT!!!

ATTENTION/
ATTENTION!!
UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL, EMERGENCY LEVEL S ACTIVATED!

ALL HEROES ARE TO MANDATE THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS TO THEIR SIDEKICKS AND
HEAD TO THESE COORDINATES IMMEDIATELY.



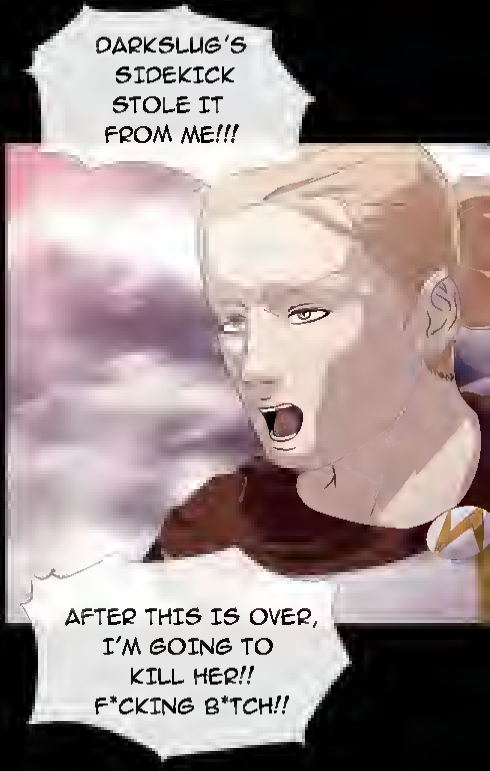
METHEOS...

THEY ARE ALL HEADED TOWARDS OUR HIDEOUT!

THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!

WOOOOOOOSH

SIR LIGHTNING! HOW DID YOU END UP LOSING YOUR AIR-BIKE ANYWAYS?
I DIDN'T LOSE IT!!


DARKSLUG'S SIDEKICK STOLE IT FROM ME!!!
AFTER THIS IS OVER, I'M GOING TO KILL HER!! F*CKING B*TCH!!

DARKSLUG'S SIDEKICK... DREAM GIRL?
SHE'S NOT SOMEONE WHO'D DO THAT...

OH, AND HOW DID YOU LEARN OF THE VILLAINS' WHEREABOUTS?
PAHAHAHAHA!!! I BACKSTABBED SOME BASTARD WHO TRIED TO BACKSTAB ME!

HE KEPT ASKING ME TO SPARE HIS LIFE. SO, I TOLD HIM I'D SPARE HIM IF HE GAVE UP EVERY INFORMATION HE KNEW, AND HE BELIEVED ME!
IDIOT! HAHAHAHAHAHA!!!

GALE,
STOP GETTING
SO ANXIOUS.
I'LL MAKE SURE
THAT YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO GETS TO KILL
LIGHTNING-

NO, THAT IS NOT WHAT I WANT.
THE THING I REALLY WANT IS...

HERO...

I WANT TO ELIMINATE ALL THE HEROES.

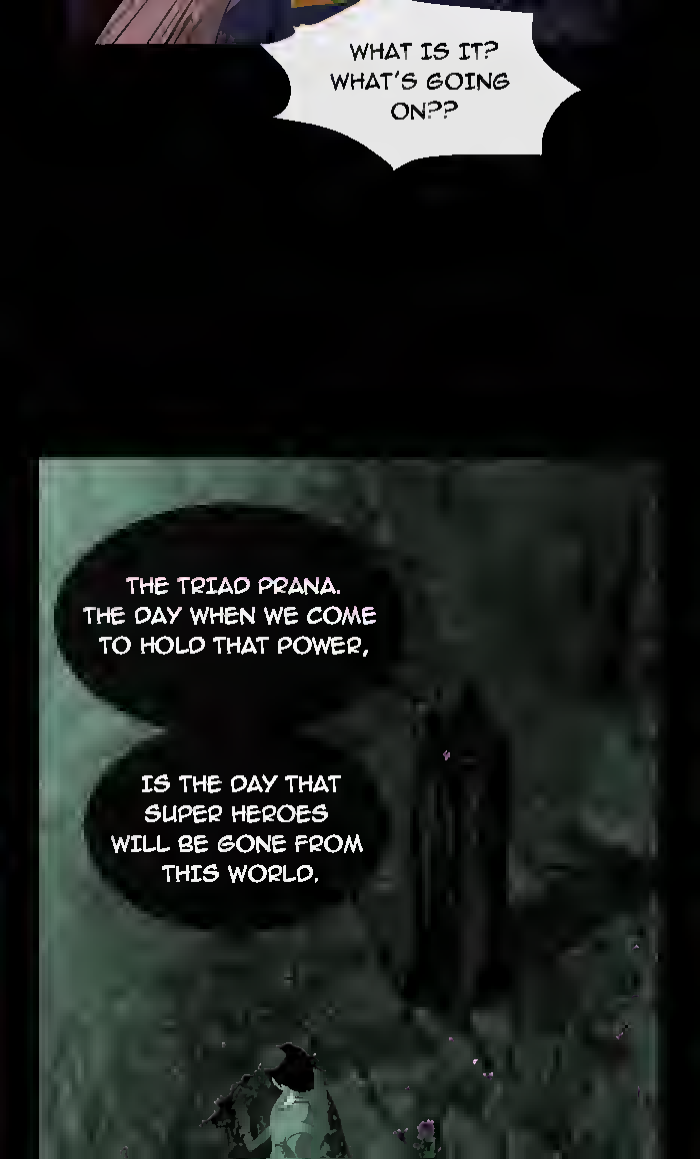
COMPLETE
ELIMINATION OF
ALL HEROES.

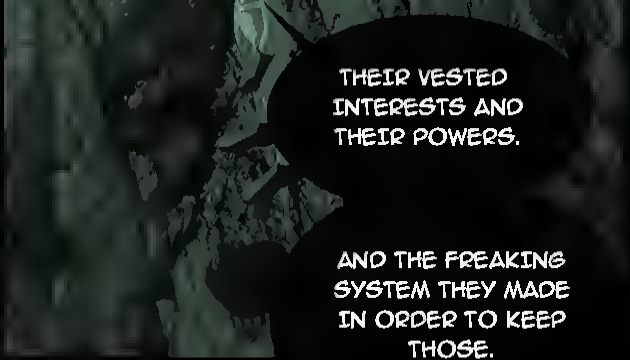
THE POWERS I'VE BEEN FEELING FROM THIS REGION.
THEY'RE ALL GONE IN A SECOND!

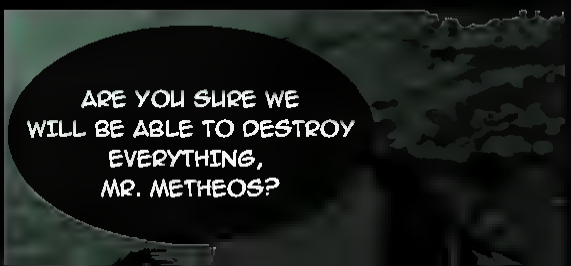
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THERE ISN'T ANY VILLAINS HERE!! NOT EVEN AN ORDINARY HUMAN!

WAIT,
HOLD ON!!

HUH?!!


WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S GOING ON??
THE TRIAD PRANA. THE DAY WHEN WE COME TO HOLD THAT POWER,
IS THE DAY THAT SUPER HEROES WILL BE GONE FROM THIS WORLD.


THEIR VESTED INTERESTS AND THEIR POWERS.
AND THE FREAKING SYSTEM THEY MADE IN ORDER TO KEEP THOSE.


ARE YOU SURE WE WILL BE ABLE TO DESTROY EVERYTHING, MR. METHEOS?

YOU CAN MAKE
IT POSSIBLE, GALE.
HOWEVER...

WHIR-

WHIR-
BOOM
WHIR-

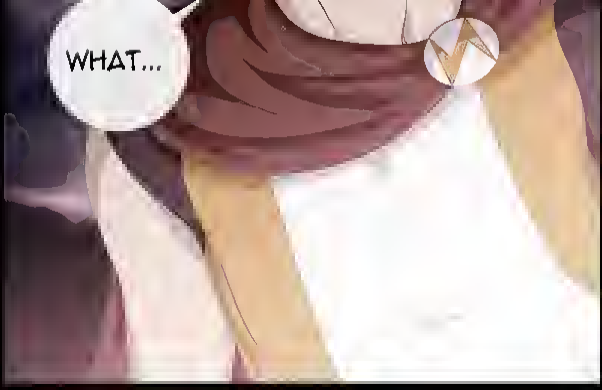
WELL DONE, IBLIS.

I WILL BEGIN SNEAKTHIEVING NOW.

GOOD.
I WILL SOON
JOIN YOU.

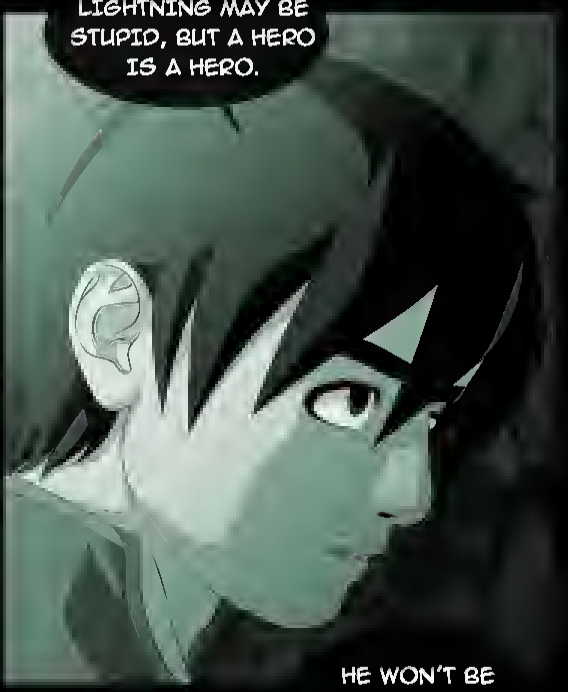
THE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS...

IS BEING ATTACKED??


WHAT...

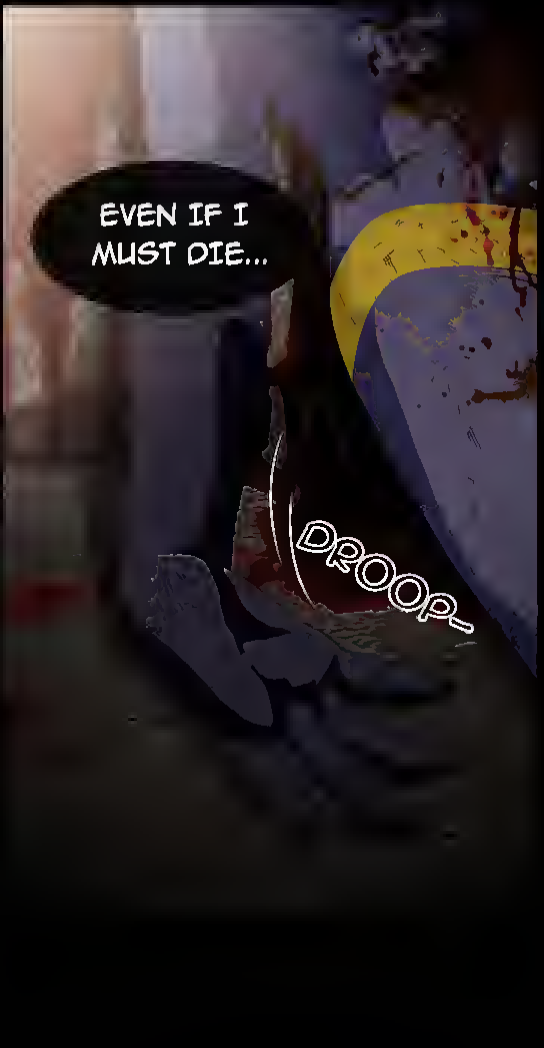
WHAT THE F*CK

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!!!

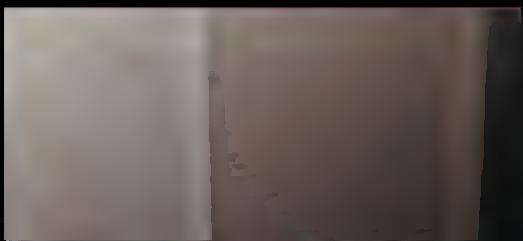

LIGHTNING MAY BE STUPID, BUT A HERO IS A HERO.
HE WON'T BE FOOLED WITH FLIMSY ACTING.

I'LL DO IT.

JUST PROMISE ME YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL.


EVEN IF I MUST DIE...
DROOP_

BY ALL MEANS...



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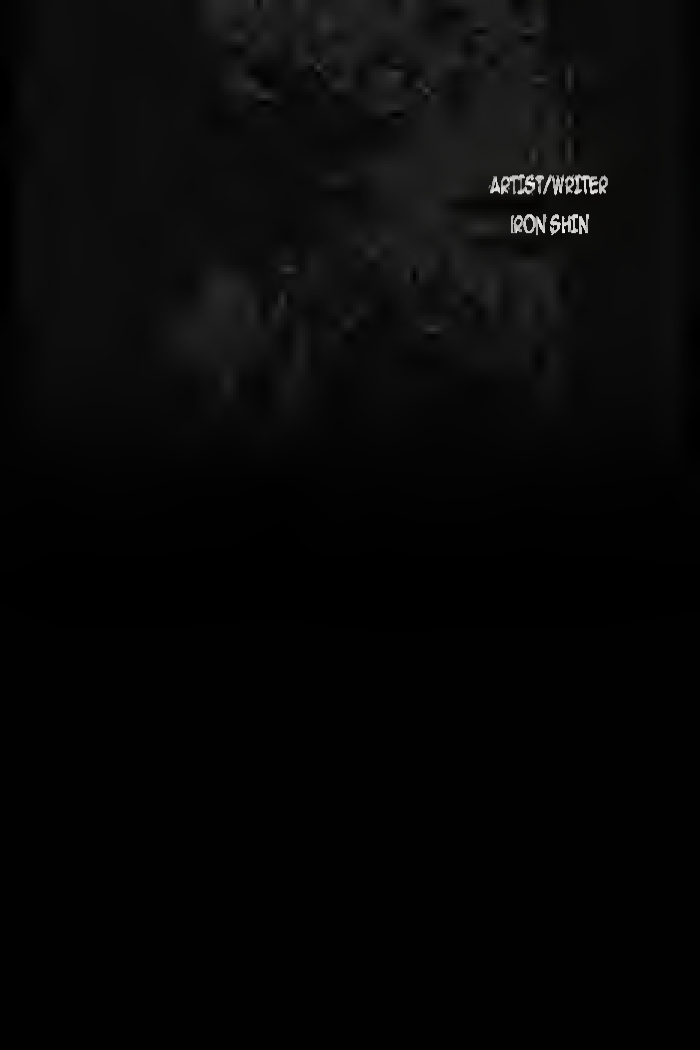
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